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                                     AN ACT
   4 RELATING TO BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS, BY PROVIDING FOR LIMITED
         LIABILITY COMPANIES AND CONVERSION INVOLVING CORPORATIONS,
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         PROVIDING FEES AND PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
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                              GENERAL PROVISIONS
        Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.101 SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the "Revised Uniform Limited"
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1 17 Liability Company Act".
         Sec. 2. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 4
As used in this chapter:
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                                 489.102 DEFINITIONS.
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         1. "Certificate of organization" means the certificate
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1 21 required by section 489.201. The term includes the
  22 certificate as amended or restated.
             "Contribution" means any benefit provided by a person
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1 24 to a limited liability company that is any of the following:
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         a. In order to become a member upon formation of the
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  26 company and in accordance with an agreement between or among
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     the persons that have agreed to become the initial members of
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  28 the company.
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        b. In order to become a member after formation of the
1 30 company and in accordance with an agreement between the person
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  32 c. In the person's capacity as a member and in accordance 33 with the operating agreement or an agreement between the
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  34 member and the company.
        3. "Debtor in bankruptcy" means a person that is the
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     subject of any of the following:
       a. An order for relief under Title 11 of the United States
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   3 Code or a successor statute of general application.
        b. A comparable order under federal, state, or foreign law
   5 governing insolvency.
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     used in conventional commercial practice, including delivery
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     in person, by mail, commercial delivery, and electronic
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   9 transmission.
2 10 5. "Distribution", except as otherwise provided in section 2 11 489.405, subsection 6, means a transfer of money or other 2 12 property from a limited liability company to another person on
2 13 account of a transferable interest.
        6. "Domestic cooperative" means an entity organized on a
2 15 cooperative basis under chapter 497, 498, or 499 or a
2 16 cooperative organized under chapter 501 or 501A.
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             "Effective", with respect to a record required or
2 18 permitted to be delivered to the secretary of state for filing
2 19 under this chapter, means effective under section 489.205,
2 20 subsection 3.
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        8. "Electronic transmission" means any process of
2 22 communication not directly involving the physical transfer of
  23 paper that is suitable for the retention, retrieval, and
  24 reproduction of information by the recipient.
25 9. "Foreign limited liability company" means an
  26 unincorporated entity formed under the law of a jurisdiction
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  27 other than this state and denominated by that law as a limited
  28 liability company.
        10. "Limited liability company", except in the phrase
  30 "foreign limited liability company", means an entity formed
  31 under this chapter.
         11. "Manager" means a person that under the operating
  33 agreement of a manager=managed limited liability company is
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  34 responsible, alone or in concert with others, for performing
  35 the management functions stated in section 489.407, subsection
         12.
               "Manager=managed limited liability company" means a
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3 limited liability company that qualifies under section

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4 489.407, subsection 1. 5 13. "Member" means a person that has become a member of a 6 limited liability company under section 489.401 and has not 7 dissociated under section 489.602.

14. "Member=managed limited liability company" means a limited liability company that is not a manager=managed 3 10 limited liability company.

- 15. "Operating agreement" means the agreement, whether or 3 12 not referred to as an operating agreement and whether oral, in 3 13 a record, implied, or in any combination thereof, of all the 3 14 members of a limited liability company, including a sole 3 15 member, concerning the matters described in section 489.110, 3 16 subsection 1. The term includes the agreement as amended or 3 17 restated.
- "Organizer" means a person that acts under section 16. 3 19 489.201 to form a limited liability company.
- 17. "Person" means an individual, corporation, business 3 21 trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, 3 22 association, joint venture, public corporation, government or 3 23 governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any 3 24 other legal or commercial entity.
  3 25 18. "Principal office" means the principal executive
- 3 26 office of a limited liability company or foreign limited 27 liability company, whether or not the office is located in 3 28 this state.
- 19. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 3 30 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other 3 31 medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
  - "Registered office" means any of the following: 20.
  - The office that a limited liability company is required 34 to designate and maintain under section 489.113.
    - The principal office of a foreign limited liability b.
    - company.

      21. "Sign" means, with the present intent to authenticate or adopt a record to do any of the following:
      - a. Execute or adopt a tangible symbol.
    - b. Attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.
  - 22. "State" means a state of the United States, the 8 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
- "Transfer" includes an assignment, conveyance, deed, 4 12 bill of sale, lease, mortgage, security interest, encumbrance, gift, or transfer by operation of law.
  24. "Transferable interest" means the right, as originally
- 4 15 associated with a person's capacity as a member, to receive 4 16 distributions from a limited liability company in accordance 4 17 with the operating agreement, whether or not the person 4 18 remains a member or continues to own any part of the right.
  - "Transferee" means a person to which all or part of a 25. transferable interest has been transferred, whether or not the transferor is a member.
    - Sec. 3. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.103 KNOWLEDGE == NOTICE.
- A person knows a fact when the person has or is any of 4 24 the following:
  - a. Has actual knowledge of it.
  - b. Is deemed to know it under subsection 4, paragraph "a", 27 or law other than this chapter.
- 2. A person has notice of a fact when the person has or is 4 29 any of the following:
- Has reason to know the fact from all of the facts known a. to the person at the time in question. 4 31
  - b. Is deemed to have notice of the fact under subsection 33 4, paragraph "b"
  - 3. A person notifies another of a fact by taking steps 35 reasonably required to inform the other person in ordinary course, whether or not the other person knows the fact.
    - A person that is not a member is deemed both of the following:
  - 4 a. To know of a limitation on authority to transfer real 5 property as provided in section 489.302, subsection 7.
    - b. To have notice of all of the following regarding a limited liability company's:
  - 8 (1) Dissolution, ninety days after a statement of dissolution under section 489.702, subsection 2, paragraph 10 "b", subparagraph (1), becomes effective.
  - (2) Termination, ninety days after a statement of 11 12 termination under section 489.702, subsection 2, paragraph "b", subparagraph (6), becomes effective.
    - (3) Merger, conversion, or domestication, ninety days

5 15 after articles of merger, conversion, or domestication under 5 16 article 10 become effective.

5 17 Sec. 4. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.104 NATURE, PURPOSE, AND 5 18 DURATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

- 1. A limited liability company is an entity distinct from 5 20 its members.
- 2. A limited liability company may have any lawful 5 22 purpose, regardless of whether for profit.
  - 3. A limited liability company has perpetual duration. Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 489.105 POWERS.

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- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a limited 5 26 liability company has the capacity to sue and be sued in its 5 27 own name and the power to do all things necessary or 28 convenient to carry on its activities.
  29 2. Until a limited liability company has or has had at
- 5 30 least one member, the company lacks the capacity to do any act 5 31 or carry on any activity except all of the following:
- a. Delivering to the secretary of state for filing a 5 33 statement of change under section 489.114, an amendment to the 34 certificate under section 489.202, a statement of correction 35 under section 489.206, a biennial report under section 1 489.209, or a statement of termination under section 489.702, 2 subsection 2, paragraph "b", subparagraph (6)
  - Admitting a member under section 489.401. Dissolving under section 489.701. b.

  - 3. A limited liability company that has or has had at 6 least one member may ratify an act or activity that occurred when the company lacked capacity under subsection 2.
    - Sec. 6. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.106 GOVERNING LAW.
    - The law of this state governs all of the following:
    - The internal affairs of a limited liability company.
       The liability of a member as member and a manager as
- 6 12 manager for the debts, obligations, or other liabilities of a 6 13 limited liability company. 6 14 Sec. 7. <u>NEW SECTION</u>.
- 489.107 SUPPLEMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF 6 15 LAW.
- Unless displaced by particular provisions of this chapter, 6 17 the principles of law and equity supplement this chapter.
- Sec. 8. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.108 NAME.

  1. The name of a limited liability company must contain 6 20 the words "limited liability company" or "limited company" or 6 21 the abbreviation "L.L.C.", "LLC", "L.C.", or "LC". "Limited" 6 22 may be abbreviated as "Ltd.", and "company" may be abbreviated 6 23 as "Co.".
- 2. Unless authorized by subsection 3, the name of a 6 25 limited liability company must be distinguishable in the 6 26 records of the secretary of state from all of the following:
- 6 27 a. The name of each person that is not an individual and 6 28 that is incorporated, organized, or authorized to transact 6 29 business in this state.
- b. Each name reserved under section 489.109.3. A limited liability company may apply to the secretary 6 32 of state for authorization to use a name that does not comply 33 with subsection 2. The secretary of state shall authorize use 34 of the name applied for if, as to each of the following 6 35 noncomplying names:
  - a. The present user, registrant, or owner of the 2 noncomplying name consents in a signed record to the use and 3 submits an undertaking in a form satisfactory to the secretary 4 of state to change the noncomplying name to a name that 5 complies with subsection 2 and is distinguishable in the 6 records of the secretary of state from the name applied for.
    7 b. The applicant delivers to the secretary of state a
- 8 certified copy of the final judgment of a court establishing 9 the applicant's right to use in this state the name applied 7 10 for 11
- A limited liability company may use the name, including 12 the fictitious name, of another entity that is used in this 13 state if the other entity is formed under the law of this 7 14 state or is authorized to transact business in this state and 15 the proposed user limited liability company meets any of the 7 16 following conditions:
  - a. Has merged with the other entity.
  - b. Has been formed by reorganization of the other entity. 19 c. Has acquired all or substantially all of the assets, 20 including the name, of the other entity.
- 21 5. This article does not control the use of fictitious 22 names. However, if a limited liability company uses a 23 fictitious name in this state, it shall deliver to the 24 secretary of state for filing a certified copy of the 7 25 resolution of its members if it is member=managed or its

7 26 managers if it is manager=managed, adopting the fictitious 7 27 name.

- 7 28 Subject to section 489.805, this section applies to a 6. 7 29 foreign limited liability company transacting business in this 7 30 state which has a certificate of authority to transact 7 31 business in this state or which has applied for a certificate 32 of authority.
  - NEW SECTION. 489.109 RESERVATION OF NAME. Sec. 9.

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- 1. A person may reserve the exclusive use of the name of a 35 limited liability company, including a fictitious or assumed 1 name for a foreign limited liability company whose name is not 2 available, by delivering an application to the secretary of 3 state for filing. The application must state the name and 4 address of the applicant and the name proposed to be reserved. If the secretary of state finds that the name applied for is 6 available, it must be reserved for the applicant's exclusive 7 use for a one=hundred=twenty=day period.
- The owner of a name reserved for a limited liability company may transfer the reservation to another person by 8 10 delivering to the secretary of state for filing a signed 11 notice of the transfer which states the name and address of 8 12 the transferee.
- Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 489.110 OPERATING AGREEMENT == 8 14 SCOPE, FUNCTION, AND LIMITATIONS.
  8 15 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3,
  - the operating agreement governs all of the following:
- a. Relations among the members as members and between the 8 18 members and the limited liability company.
- b. The rights and duties under this chapter of a person in 8 20 the capacity of manager.
- c. The activities of the company and the conduct of those 8 22 activities.
- d. The means and conditions for amending the operating 8 24 agreement.
- 2. To the extent the operating agreement does not 8 26 otherwise provide for a matter described in subsection 1, this chapter governs the matter.
- 3. An operating agreement shall not do any of the 8 29 following:
- a. Vary a limited liability company's capacity under 8 31 section 489.105 to sue and be sued in its own name.
  - b. Vary the law applicable under section 489.106.
  - c. Vary the power of the court under section 489.204.
  - d. Subject to subsections 4 through 7, eliminate the duty 35 of loyalty, the duty of care, or any other fiduciary duty.

    1 e. Subject to subsections 4 through 7, eliminate the
    - 2 contractual obligation of good faith and fair dealing under section 489.409, subsection 4.
    - f. Unreasonably restrict the duties and rights stated in 5 section 489.410.
      - g. Vary the power of a court to decree dissolution in the circumstances specified in section 489.701, subsection 1, paragraphs "d" and "e".
- h. Vary the requirement to wind up a limited liability 10 company's business as specified in section 489.702, subsection 1, and subsection 2, paragraph "a". 9 11
  - i. Unreasonably restrict the right of a member to maintain
- 13 an action under article 9.
  14 j. Restrict the right to approve a merger, conversion, or 9 15 domestication under section 489.1014 to a member that will 9 16 have personal liability with respect to a surviving, 9 17 converted, or domesticated organization.
- 9 18 k. Except as otherwise provided in section 489.112, 9 19 subsection  $\bar{2}$ , restrict the rights under this chapter of a 20 person other than a member or manager.
- 9 21 4. If not manifestly unreasonable, the operating agreement 9 22 may do any of the following:
  - 23 a. Restrict or eliminate the duty to do any of the 24 following:
- (1) As required in section 489.409, subsection 2, 26 paragraph "a", and subsection 8, to account to the limited 27 liability company and to hold as trustee for it any property, 9 28 profit, or benefit derived by the member in the conduct or 29 winding up of the company's business, from a use by the member 30 of the company's property, or from the appropriation of a 31 limited liability company opportunity.
- As required in section 489.409, subsection 2, (2) 33 paragraph "b", and subsection 8, to refrain from dealing with 34 the company in the conduct or winding up of the company's 35 business as or on behalf of a party having an interest adverse 1 to the company.

(3) As required by section 489.409, subsection 2, 3 paragraph "c", and subsection 8, to refrain from competing with the company in the conduct of the company's business before the dissolution of the company.

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- Identify specific types or categories of activities b. that do not violate the duty of loyalty.
- c. Alter the duty of care, except to authorize intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law. 8 9
  - d. Alter any other fiduciary duty, including eliminating particular aspects of that duty.
  - e. Prescribe the standards by which to measure the performance of the contractual obligation of good faith and fair dealing under section 489.409, subsection 4.
- 10 14 5. The operating agreement may specify the method by which a specific act or transaction that would otherwise violate the 10 15 10 16 10 17 duty of loyalty may be authorized or ratified by one or more 10 18 disinterested and independent persons after full disclosure of 10 19 all material facts. all material facts.
- 6. To the extent the operating agreement of a 10 21 member=managed limited liability company expressly relieves a 10 22 member of a responsibility that the member would otherwise 10 23 have under this chapter and imposes the responsibility on one 10 24 or more other members, the operating agreement may, to the 10 25 benefit of the member that the operating agreement relieves of 10 26 the responsibility, also eliminate or limit any fiduciary duty that would have pertained to the responsibility.
- 7. The operating agreement may alter or eliminate the 10 29 indemnification for a member or manager provided by section 10 30 489.408, subsection 1, and may eliminate or limit a member's 10 31 or manager's liability to the limited liability company and 10 32 members for money damages, except for any of the following:
  - a. A breach of the duty of loyalty.
  - A financial benefit received by the member or manager to which the member or manager is not entitled.
    - c. A breach of a duty under section 489.406.
  - Intentional infliction of harm on the company or a member.
    - An intentional violation of criminal law. e.
  - The court shall decide any claim under subsection 4 that a term of an operating agreement is manifestly unreasonable. All of the following apply:
- a. The court shall make its determination as of the time the challenged term became part of the operating agreement and 11 10 by considering only circumstances existing at that time.
  - b. The court may invalidate the term only if, in light of the purposes and activities of the limited liability company, it is readily apparent that any of the following applies:
    - The objective of the term is unreasonable. (1)
  - The term is an unreasonable means to achieve the (2) provision's objective.
- 11 17 Sec. 11. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.111 OPERATING AGREEMENT 11 18 EFFECT ON LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND PERSONS BECOMING 489.111 OPERATING AGREEMENT == 11 19 MEMBERS == PREFORMATION AGREEMENT.
- 1. A limited liability company is bound by and may enforce 11 21 the operating agreement, whether or not the company has itself 11 22 manifested assent to the operating agreement.
  - 2. A person that becomes a member of a limited liability
- 11 24 company is deemed to assent to the operating agreement.
  11 25 3. Two or more persons intending to become the initial 11 26 members of a limited liability company may make an agreement 11 27 providing that upon the formation of the company the agreement 11 28 will become the operating agreement. One person intending to 11 29 become the initial member of a limited liability company may 11 30 assent to terms providing that upon the formation of the
- 11 31 company the terms will become the operating agreement.
  11 32 4. An operating agreement in a signed record that excludes 11 33 modification or recision except by a signed record cannot be 34 otherwise modified or rescinded.
  - NEW SECTION. 489.112 OPERATING AGREEMENT == Sec. 12. EFFECT ON THIRD PARTIES AND RELATIONSHIP TO RECORDS EFFECTIVE ON BEHALF OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
  - An operating agreement may specify that its amendment 4 requires the approval of a person that is not a party to the 5 operating agreement or the satisfaction of a condition. An amendment is ineffective if its adoption does not include the required approval or satisfy the specified condition.
- 12 12 The obligations of a limited liability company and its 12 9 members to a person in the person's capacity as a transferee 12 10 or dissociated member are governed by the operating agreement. Subject only to any court order issued under section 489.503, 12 12 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to effectuate a charging order,

12 13 an amendment to the operating agreement made after a person 12 14 becomes a transferee or dissociated member is effective with 12 15 regard to any debt, obligation, or other liability of the 12 16 limited liability company or its members to the person in the 12 17 person's capacity as a transferee or dissociated member.

12 18 3. If a record that has been delivered by a limited 12 19 liability company to the secretary of state for filing and has 12 20 become effective under this chapter contains a provision that 12 21 would be ineffective under section 489.110, subsection 3, if  $12\ 22$  contained in the operating agreement, the provision is  $12\ 23$  likewise ineffective in the record. 12 24

- 4. Subject to subsection 3, if a record that has been 12 25 delivered by a limited liability company to the secretary of 12 26 state for filing and has become effective under this chapter 12 27 conflicts with a provision of the operating agreement, the 12 28 following rules apply:
- 12 29 a. The operating agreement product 230 dissociated members, transferees, and managers.

  The record prevails as to other persons The operating agreement prevails as to members,
  - b. The record prevails as to other persons to the extent
- 12 32 they reasonably rely on the record.
  12 33 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 489.113 REGI
  12 34 REGISTERED AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS. REGISTERED OFFICE AND
  - 1. A limited liability company shall designate and continuously maintain in this state all of the following:
  - a. A registered office, which need not be a place of its activity in this state.
    - b. A registered agent for service of process.
  - A foreign limited liability company that has a 6 certificate of authority under section 489.802 shall designate and continuously maintain in this state a registered agent for service of process.
- 3. A registered agent for service of process of a limited 13 10 liability company or foreign limited liability company must be an individual who is a resident of this state or other person with authority to transact business in this state.
- 13 13 Sec. 14. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.114 CHANGE OF REGI 13 14 OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS. 489.114 CHANGE OF REGISTERED
- 13 15 1. A limited liability company or foreign limited 13 16 liability company may change its registered office, its 13 17 registered agent for service of process, or the address of its 13 18 registered agent for service of process by delivering to the 13 19 secretary of state for filing a statement of change containing 13 20 all of the following:

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- 13 21 a. The name of the company.b. The street and mailing addresses of its current 13 22 13 23 registered office.
- c. If the current registered office is to be changed, the 13 25 street and mailing addresses of the new registered office.
  - The name and street and mailing addresses of its current registered agent for service of process.
- e. If the current registered agent for service of process 13 29 or an address of the registered agent is to be changed, the 13 30 new information.
- 2. Subject to section 489.205, subsection 3, a statement 13 32 of change is effective when filed by the secretary of state. NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. 489.115 RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED 13 34 AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS.
  - To resign as a registered agent for service of process of a limited liability company or foreign limited liability 2 company, the registered agent must deliver to the secretary of state for filing a statement of resignation containing the company name and stating that the registered agent is 5 resigning.
- 2. The secretary of state shall file a statement of resignation delivered under subsection 1 and mail or otherwise provide or deliver a copy to the registered office of the 9 limited liability company or foreign limited liability company 14 10 and another copy to the principal office of the company if the mailing address of the principal office appears in the records 14 11 14 12 of the secretary of state and is different from the mailing 14 13 address of the registered office.
  - 3. An agency for service of process terminates on the earlier of the following:
  - a. The thirty=first day after the secretary of state files the statement of resignation.
- 14 18 b. When a record designating a new registered agent for 14 19 service of process is delivered to the secretary of state for 14 20 filing on behalf of the limited liability company and becomes 14 21 effective. 14 22
  - Sec. 16. NEW SECTION. 489.116 SERVICE OF PROCESS.
- 1. A registered agent for service of process appointed by

14 24 a limited liability company or foreign limited liability 14 25 company is an agent of the company for service of any process, 14 26 notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served on 14 27 the company. 14 28 2. If a limited liability company has no registered agent, 14 29 or the agent cannot with reasonable diligence be served, the 14 30 limited liability company may be served by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the 14 31 14 32 limited liability company at its principal office. 14 33 3. Service is effected under subsection 2 at the earliest of any of the following:
 a. The date the limited liability company or foreign 14 34 14 35 1 limited liability company receives the process, notice, or 15 15 demand. 15 The date shown on the return receipt, if signed on h. 15 4 behalf of the company. 15 c. Five days after the process, notice, or demand is 15 6 deposited with the United States postal service, if correctly 15 addressed and with sufficient postage. 15 8 4. This section does not affect the right to serve 15 process, notice, or demand in any other manner provided by 15 10 law. 15 11 Sec. 17. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.117 FEES. 15 12 1. The secretary of state shall collect the following fees 15 13 when documents described in this subsection are delivered to 15 14 the secretary's office for filing: 15 15 15 16 a. Certificate of organization ..... \$ 50 b. Application for use of indistinguishable name ..... \$ 10c. Application for reserved name ..... \$ 10 15 17 15 18 15 19 15 20 part thereof ..... 15 21 15 22 g. Statement of change of registered agent or h. Registered agent's statement of change of 15 24 15 25 registered office for each affected limited 15 28 j. Amendment to certificate of organization ...... \$ 50 1. Articles of merger ..... \$ 50 15 32 15 33 15 34 15 35 administrative dissolution ......\$ 16 16 16 16 16 t. Certificate of revocation of authority 16 16 7 to transact business ...... No fee 16 8 u. Statement of correction ......\$ Application for certificate of existence 16 v. 16 10 or authorization ..... \$ w. Any other document required or permitted 16 11 16 14 dollars each time process is served on the secretary under 16 15 this chapter. The party to a proceeding causing service of 16 16 process is entitled to recover this fee as costs if the party 16 17 prevails in the proceeding. 16 18 3. The secretary of state shall collect the following fees 16 19 for copying and certifying the copy of any filed document 16 20 relating to a domestic or foreign limited liability company: 16 21 16 22 a. One dollar a page for copying.b. Five dollars for the certificate. 16 23 ARTICLE 2 FORMATION == CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION 16 24 16 25 AND OTHER FILINGS Sec. 18. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.201 FORMATION OF LIMITED 16 26 16 27 LIABILITY COMPANY == CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION. 16 28 1. One or more persons may act as organizers to form a 16 29 limited liability company by signing and delivering to the secretary of state for filing a certificate of organization. 16 30 16 31 2. A certificate of organization must state all of the 16 32 following:

16 33 a. The name of the limited liability company, which must 16 34 comply with section 489.108.

16 35 The street and mailing addresses of the initial 1 registered office and the name and street and mailing 2 addresses of the initial registered agent for service of process of the company.

3. Subject to section 489.112, subsection 3, a certificate 5 of organization may also contain statements as to matters other than those required by subsection 2. However, a statement in a certificate of organization is not effective as

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4. A limited liability company is formed when the 17 10 secretary of state has filed the certificate of organization, 17 11 unless the certificate states a delayed effective date 17 12 pursuant to section 489.205, subsection 3. If the certificate 13 states a delayed effective date, a limited liability company 17 14 is not formed if, before the certificate takes effect, a 17 15 statement of cancellation is signed and delivered to the  $17\ 16$  secretary of state for filing and the secretary of state files  $17\ 17$  the certificate.

5. Subject to any delayed effective date and except in a 17 19 proceeding by this state to dissolve a limited liability 17 20 company, the filing of the certificate of organization by the 17 21 secretary of state is conclusive proof that the organizer 17 22 satisfied all conditions to the formation of a limited 17 23 liability company. 17 24 Sec. 19. NEW S

NEW SECTION. 489.202 AMENDMENT OR RESTATEMENT 17 25 OF CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION.

1. A certificate of organization may be amended or 17 27 restated at any time.

2. To amend its certificate of organization, a limited 17 29 liability company must deliver to the secretary of state for 17 30 filing an amendment stating all of the following:

The name of the company. a.

b. The date of filing of its certificate of organization.

c. The changes the amendment makes to the certificate as

17 34 most recently amended or restated. 17 35

3. To restate its certificate of organization, a limited liability company must deliver to the secretary of state for filing a restatement, designated as such in its heading, 3 stating all of the following:

a. In the heading or an introductory paragraph, the company's present name and the date of the filing of the company's initial certificate of organization.

b. If the company's name has been changed at any time 5

since the company's formation, each of the company's former names.

c. The changes the restatement makes to the certificate as most recently amended or restated.

18 11 4. Subject to section 489.112, subsection 3, and section 18 13 489.205, subsection 3, an amendment to or restatement of a 18 14 certificate of organization is effective when filed by the 18 15 secretary of state.
18 16 5. If a member of a member=managed limited liability

company, or a manager of a manager=managed limited liability 18 17 18 18 company, knows that any information in a filed certificate of organization was inaccurate when the certificate was filed or 18 20 has become inaccurate owing to changed circumstances, the 18 21 member or manager shall promptly do any of the following:

18 22 a. Cause the certificate to be amended. 18 23 b. If appropriate, deliver to the secretary of state for 18 24 filing a statement of change under section 489.114 or a 18 25 statement of correction under section 489.206.

Sec. 20. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.203 SIGNING DELIVERED FOR FILING TO SECRETARY OF STATE. SIGNING OF RECORDS TO BE 18 27

1. A record delivered to the secretary of state for filing 18 29 pursuant to this chapter must be signed as follows:

a. Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs "b" and "c", 18 31 a record signed on behalf of a limited liability company must

18 32 be signed by a person authorized by the company.
18 33 b. A limited liability company's initial certificate of
18 34 organization must be signed by at least one person acting as 18 35 an organizer.

A record filed on behalf of a limited liability company that does not have or has not had at least one member must be 3 signed by an organizer.

d. A record filed on behalf of a dissolved limited liability company that has no members must be signed by the 6 person winding up the company's activities under section 489.702, subsection 3, or a person appointed under section 489.702, subsection 4, to wind up those activities.

e. A statement of cancellation under section 489.201, 8

19 10 subsection 4, must be signed by each organizer that signed the

19 11 initial certificate of organization, but a personal 19 12 representative of a deceased or incompetent organizer may sign 19 13 in the place of the decedent or incompetent.

f. A statement of denial by a person under section 489.303 19 15 must be signed by that person.

g. Any other record must be signed by the person on whose 19 17 behalf the record is delivered to the secretary of state.

- Any record filed under this chapter may be signed by an 2. 19 19 agent.
- NEW SECTION. 489.204 SIGNING AND FILING Sec. 21. 19 21 PURSUANT TO JUDICIAL ORDER.
- 19 22 1. If a person required by this chapter to sign a record 19 23 or deliver a record to the secretary of state for filing under 19 24 this chapter does not do so, any other person that is 19 25 aggrieved may petition the district court to order one or more 19 26 of the following:
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- a. The person to sign the record.b. The person to deliver the record to the secretary of 19 29 state for filing.
  - The secretary of state to file the record unsigned. c.
- 19 31 2. If a petitioner under subsection 1 is not the limited 19 32 liability company or foreign limited liability company to 19 33 which the record pertains, the petitioner shall make the
- 19 34 company a party to the action.
  19 35 3. If a district court orders an unsigned record to be delivered to the secretary of state, the secretary of state
  - shall file the record and the court order upon receipt.

    Sec. 22. NEW SECTION. 489.205 DELIVERY TO AND FILING OF 3 Sec. 22. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.205 DELIVERY TO AND FILIN 4 RECORDS BY SECRETARY OF STATE == EFFECTIVE TIME AND DATE.
- 1. A record authorized or required to be delivered to the 6 secretary of state for filing under this chapter must be 7 captioned to describe the record's purpose, be in a medium 8 permitted by the secretary of state, and be delivered to the 9 secretary of state. If the filing fees have been paid, unless 20 10 the secretary of state determines that a record does not 20 11 comply with the filing requirements of this chapter, the 20 12 secretary of state shall file the record and any of the 20 13 following applies:
- a. For a statement of denial under section 489.303, send a 20 15 copy of the filed statement and a receipt for the fees to the 20 16 person on whose behalf the statement was delivered for filing 20 17 and to the limited liability company.
- b. For all other records, send a copy of the filed record 20 19 and a receipt for the fees to the person on whose behalf the 20 20 record was filed.
- 2. Upon request and payment of the requisite fee, the 20 22 secretary of state shall send to the requester a certified 20 23 copy of a requested record.
- Except as otherwise provided in sections 489.115 and 20 25 489.206, and except for a certificate of organization that 20 26 contains a statement as provided in section 489.201, 20 27 subsection 4, a record delivered to the secretary of state for 20 28 filing under this chapter may specify an effective time and a 20 29 delayed effective date. Subject to section 489.115, section 20 30 489.201, subsection 4, and section 489.206, a record filed by 20 31 the secretary of state is effective as follows:
- a. If the record does not specify either an effective time 20 33 or a delayed effective date, on the date and at the time the 20 34 record is filed as evidenced by the secretary of state's 20 35 endorsement of the date and time on the record.
  - b. If the record specifies an effective time but not a delayed effective date, on the date the record is filed at the time specified in the record.
  - c. If the record specifies a delayed effective date but not an effective time, at 12:01 a.m. on the earlier of any of the following:
    - (1) The specified date.
    - The ninetieth day after the record is filed. (2)
- If the record specifies an effective time and a delayed 9 d. 21 10 effective date, at the specified time on the earlier of any of 21 11 the following:
  - (1)The specified date.
  - The ninetieth day after the record is filed. (2)
- e. A delayed effective date for a record shall not be 15 later than the ninetieth day after the date on which it is 21 16 filed.
  - NEW SECTION. 489.206 CORRECTING FILED RECORD.
- 21 18 A limited liability company or foreign limited 1. 21 19 liability company may deliver to the secretary of state for 21 20 filing a statement of correction to correct a record
- 21 21 previously delivered by the company to the secretary of state

21 22 and filed by the secretary of state, if at the time of filing 21 23 the record contained inaccurate information or was defectively 21 24 signed. 21 25 2.

- 2. A statement of correction under subsection 1 shall not 21 26 have a delayed effective date and must do all of the 21 27 following:
- 21 28 a. Describe the record to be corrected, including its 21 29 filing date, or attach a copy of the record as filed. 21 30 b. Specify the inaccurate information and the reason it is
- 21 31 inaccurate or the manner in which the signing was defective.
- c. Correct the defective signature or inaccurate 21 33 information.
  - 3. When filed by the secretary of state, a statement of 35 correction under subsection 1 is effective retroactively as of 1 the effective date of the record the statement corrects, but the statement is effective when filed as to all of the following:

    - a. For the purposes of section 489.103, subsection 4.b. As to persons that previously relied on the uncorrected record and would be adversely affected by the retroactive effect.
    - Sec. 24. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.207 PENALTY FOR SIGNING FALSE RECORD.
- 22 10 1. A person commits an offense if that person signs a 22 11 record the person knows is false in any material respect with 22 12 intent that the record be delivered to the secretary of state 22 13 for filing.
- 2. An offense under this section is a serious misdemeanor 22 15 punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars. Sec. 25. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.208 CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE 22 17 OR AUTHORIZATION.
- 22 18 1. The secretary of state, upon request and payment of the 22 19 requisite fee, shall furnish to any person a certificate of 22 20 existence for a limited liability company if the records filed 22 21 in the office of the secretary of state show that the company 22 22 has been formed under section 489.201 and the secretary of 22 23 state has not filed a statement of termination pertaining to 22 24 the company. A certificate of existence must state all of the 22 25 following:
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- b. That the company was duly formed under the laws of this 22 28 state and the date of formation.
- 22 29 c. Whether all fees, taxes, and penalties due under this 22 30 chapter or other law to the secretary of state have been paid.
- d. Whether the company's most recent biennial report 22 32 required by section 489.209 has been filed by the secretary of 22 33 state.
- e. Whether the secretary of state has administratively 22 35 dissolved the company.
  - f. Whether the company has delivered to the secretary of state for filing a statement of dissolution.
  - g. That a statement of termination has not been filed by the secretary of state.
  - 5 h. Other facts of record in the office of the secretary of 6 state which are specified by the person requesting the certificate. 7
- 23 8 2. The secretary of state, upon request and payment of the 23 9 requisite fee, shall furnish to any person a certificate of 23 10 authorization for a foreign limited liability company if the 23 11 records filed in the office of the secretary of state show 23 12 that the secretary of state has filed a certificate of 23 13 authority, has not revoked the certificate of authority, 23 14 has not filed a notice of cancellation. A certificate of A certificate of 23 15 authorization must state all of the following:
  - a. The company's name and any alternate name adopted under section 489.805, subsection 1, for use in this state.
- b. That the company is authorized to transact business in 23 19 this state.
- c. Whether all fees, taxes, and penalties due under this 23 21 chapter or other law to the secretary of state have been paid.
- 23 22 d. Whether the company's most recent biennial report 23 23 required by section 489.209 has been filed by the secretary of 23 24 state.
- e. That the secretary of state has not revoked the 23 26 company's certificate of authority and has not filed a notice 23 27 of cancellation.
- 23 28 f. Other facts of record in the office of the secretary of 23 29 state which are specified by the person requesting the 23 30 certificate.
- 23 31 3. Subject to any qualification stated in the certificate, 23 32 a certificate of existence or certificate of authorization

23 33 issued by the secretary of state is conclusive evidence that 23 34 the limited liability company is in existence or the foreign 23 35 limited liability company is authorized to transact business 2.4 in this state. 2.4

Sec. 26. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.209 BIENNIAL REPORT FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

- A limited liability company or a foreign limited 1. liability company authorized to transact business in this state shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing a 7 biennial report that states all of the following:
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- b. The street and mailing addresses of the company's 24 10 registered office and the name and street and mailing 24 11 addresses of its registered agent for service of process in 24 12 this state.
- The street and mailing addresses of its principal 24 14 office.
- d. In the case of a foreign limited liability company, the 24 16 state or other jurisdiction under whose law the company is formed and any alternate name adopted under section 489.805, 24 17 24 18 subsection 1.
- 2. Information in a biennial report under this section 24 20 must be current as of the date the report is delivered to the 24 21 secretary of state for filing.
- 3. The first biennial report under this section must be 24 23 delivered to the secretary of state between January 1 and 24 24 April 1 of the first odd=numbered year following the calendar 24 25 year in which a limited liability company was formed or a 24 26 foreign limited liability company was authorized to transact 24 27 business. A subsequent biennial report must be delivered to 24 28 the secretary of state between January 1 and April 1 of each 24 29 following odd=numbered calendar year.
- 4. If a biennial report under this section does not 24 31 contain the information required in subsection 1, the secretary of state shall promptly notify the reporting limited 24 33 liability company or foreign limited liability company and 24 34 return the report to it for correction. If the report is 24 35 corrected to contain the information required in subsection 1 1 and delivered to the secretary of state within thirty days 2 after the effective date of the notice, it is timely 3 delivered.
- 5. If a biennial report under this section contains an 5 address of a registered office or the name or address of a 6 registered agent for service of process which differs from the information shown in the records of the secretary of state 8 immediately before the biennial report becomes effective, the 9 differing information in the biennial report is considered a 25 10 statement of change under section 489.114. ARTICLE 3

## RELATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

TO PERSONS DEALING WITH LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Sec. 27. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.301 NO AGENCY POWER OF MEMBER 25 15 AS MEMBER.

- 1. A member is not an agent of a limited liability company 25 17 solely by reason of being a member.
- 25 18 2. A person's status as a member does not prevent or 25 19 restrict law other than this chapter from imposing liability 25 20 on a limited liability company because of the person's 25 21 conduct.
  - Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. 489.302 STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY.
- 25 23 1. A limited liability company may deliver to the 25 24 secretary of state for filing a statement of authority. 25 25 of the following apply to the statement:
- It must include the name of the company and the street 25 27 and mailing addresses of its registered office.
- b. With respect to any position that exists in or with 25 29 respect to the company, it may state the authority, or 25 30 limitations on the authority, of all persons holding the 25 31 position to do any of the following:
- (1) Execute an instrument transferring real property held 25 33 in the name of the company.
- (2) Enter into other transactions on behalf of, or 25 35 otherwise act for or bind, the company.
  - c. It may state the authority, or limitations on the authority, of a specific person to do any of the following:
  - (1) Execute an instrument transferring real property held 4 in the name of the company.
    - (2) Enter into other transactions on behalf of, or
- otherwise act for or bind, the company.
  2. To amend or cancel a statement of authority filed by 26 6 26 8 the secretary of state under section 489.205, subsection 1, a

9 limited liability company must deliver to the secretary of 26 10 state for filing an amendment or cancellation stating all of 26 11 the following: 26 12 a. The nam

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- b. The street and mailing addresses of the company's 26 14 registered office.
- 26 15 c. The caption of the statement being amended or canceled 26 16 and the date the statement being affected became effective.
- d. The contents of the amendment or a declaration that the 26 18 statement being affected is canceled.
- 3. A statement of authority affects only the power of a 26 20 person to bind a limited liability company to persons that are 26 21 not members.
- 4. Subject to subsection 3 and section 489.103, subsection  $26\ 23\ 4$ , and except as otherwise provided in subsections 6, 7, and 26 24 8, a limitation on the authority of a person or a position 26 25 contained in an effective statement of authority is not by 26 26 itself evidence of knowledge or notice of the limitation by 26 27 any person.
- 5. Subject to subsection 3, a grant of authority not 26 28 26 29 pertaining to a transfer of real property and contained in an 26 30 effective statement of authority is conclusive in favor of a 26 31 person that gives value in reliance on the grant, except to 26 32 the extent that when the person gives value and any of the 26 33 following applies:
  - a. The person has knowledge to the contrary.
  - h. The statement has been canceled or restrictively amended under subsection 2.
  - c. A limitation on the grant is contained in another statement of authority that became effective after the
- statement containing the grant became effective.
  6. Subject to subsection 3, an effective statement of 6 authority that grants authority to transfer real property held in the name of the limited liability company and that is 8 recorded by certified copy in the office for recording 9 transfers of the real property is conclusive in favor of a 27 10 person that gives value in reliance on the grant without 27 11 knowledge to the contrary, except to the extent that when the 27 12 person gives value and any of the following applies:
- 27 13 a. The statement has been canceled or restrictively 27 14 amended under subsection 2 and a certified copy of the 27 15 cancellation or restrictive amendment has been recorded in the 27 16 office for recording transfers of the real property.
- 27 17 b. A limitation on the grant is contained in another 27 18 statement of authority that became effective after the 27 19 statement containing the grant became effective and a 27 20 certified copy of the later=effective statement is recorded in 27 21 the office for recording transfers of the real property.
  27 22 7. Subject to subsection 3, if a certified copy of an
- 27 23 effective statement containing a limitation on the authority 27 24 to transfer real property held in the name of a limited 27 25 liability company is recorded in the office for recording 27 26 transfers of that real property, all persons are deemed to 27 27 know of the limitation.
- 27 28 Subject to subsection 9, an effective statement of 27 29 dissolution or statement of termination is a cancellation of 27 30 any filed statement of authority for the purposes of 27 31 subsection 6 and is a limitation on authority for the purposes 27 32 of subsection 7.
- 9. After a statement of dissolution becomes effective, a 34 limited liability company may deliver to the secretary of 27 35 state for filing and, if appropriate, may record a statement 28 1 of authority that is designated as a post-dissolution 2 statement of authority. The statement operates as provided in subsections 6 and 7.
  - 10. Unless earlier canceled, an effective statement of 5 authority is canceled by operation of law five years after the date on which the statement, or its most recent amendment, becomes effective. This cancellation operates without need for any recording under subsection 6 or 7.
- 11. An effective statement of denial operates as a 28 10 restrictive amendment under this section and may be recorded by certified copy for the purposes of subsection 6, paragraph 28 11 28 12
- Sec. 29. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.303 STATEMENT OF DENIAL. A person named in a filed statement of authority granting 28 15 that person authority may deliver to the secretary of state 28 16 for filing a statement of denial that does all of the 28 17 following:
- 28 18 1. Provides the name of the limited liability company and 28 19 the caption of the statement of authority to which the

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- 1. For debts, obligations, or other liabilities of a 28 25 limited liability company, whether arising in contract, tort, 28 26 or otherwise all of the following apply:
  - They are solely the debts, obligations, or other liabilities of the company.
- b. They do not become the debts, obligations, or other liabilities of a member or manager solely by reason of the 28 31 member acting as a member or manager acting as a manager.
- 2. The failure of a limited liability company to observe 28 33 any particular formalities relating to the exercise of its 28 34 powers or management of its activities is not a ground for 28 35 imposing liability on the members or managers for the debts, obligations, or other liabilities of the company.

## ARTICLE 4 RELATIONS OF MEMBERS TO EACH OTHER AND TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NEW SECTION. 489.401 BECOMING MEMBER. Sec. 31.

- 1. If a limited liability company is to have only one member upon formation, a person becomes the member as agreed by that person and the organizer of the company or a majority of organizers if more than one. That person and the organizer 29 10 may be, but need not be, different persons. If different, the 29 11 organizer acts on behalf of the initial member.
  29 12 2. If a limited liability company is to have more than one
- 29 13 member upon formation, those persons become members as agreed 29 14 by the persons before the formation of the company. 29 15 organizer acts on behalf of the persons in forming the company 29 16 and may be, but need not be, one of the persons.
- 3. If a limited liability company has no members upon 29 18 formation, a person becomes a member of the limited liability 29 19 company with the consent of the organizer or a majority of the 29 20 organizers if more than one. The organizers may consent to 29 21 more than one person simultaneously becoming the company's 29 22 initial members.
- 4. After formation of a limited liability company, a 29 24 person becomes a member upon any of the following:
  - a. As provided in the operating agreement.
  - b. As the result of a transaction effective under article
    - With the consent of all the members. c.
- 29 29 d. If, within ninety consecutive days after the company 29 30 ceases to have any members and all of the following occur:
- (1) The last person to have been a member, or the legal 29 32 representative of that person, designates a person to become a 29 33 member.
  - (2) The designated person consents to become a member.
  - 5. A person may become a member without acquiring a transferable interest and without making or being obligated to 2 make a contribution to the limited liability company.
    - Sec. 32. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.402 FORM OF CONTRIBUTION.
  - A contribution may consist of tangible or intangible 5 property or other benefit to a limited liability company 6 including money, services performed, promissory notes, other agreements to contribute money or property, and contracts for 8 services to be performed.
- Sec. 33. NEW SECTION. 489.403 LIABILITY FOR 30 10 CONTRIBUTIONS.
- 1. A person's obligation to make a contribution to a 30 12 limited liability company is not excused by the person's 30 13 death, disability, or other inability to perform personally. 30 14 If a person does not make a required contribution, the person 30 15 or the person's estate is obligated to contribute money equal 30 16 to the value of the part of the contribution which has not been made, at the option of the company.
  2. A creditor of a limited liability company which extends 30 17
- 30 19 credit or otherwise acts in reliance on an obligation
- 30 20 described in subsection 1 may enforce the obligation. 30 21 3. An operating agreement may provide that the interest of 30 22 any member who fails to make a contribution that the member is 30 23 obligated to make is subject to specified penalties for, 30 24 specified consequences of, such failure. The penalty or 30 25 consequence may take the form of reducing or eliminating the 30 26 defaulting member's proportionate interest in a limited 30 27 liability company, subordinating the member's interest to that 30 28 of a nondefaulting member, a forced sale of the member's 30 29 interest, forfeiture of the member's interest, the lending by 30 30 other members of the amount necessary to meet the member's

30 31 commitment, a fixing of the value of the member's interest by 30 32 appraisal or by formula and redemption, or sale of the 30 33 member's interest at such value or other penalty or 30 34 consequence. 30 35

NEW SECTION. 489.404 SHARING OF AND RIGHT TO Sec. 34. DISTRIBUTIONS BEFORE DISSOLUTION.

- 1. Any distributions made by a limited liability company 3 before its dissolution and winding up must be in equal shares 4 among members and dissociated members, except to the extent 5 necessary to comply with any transfer effective under section 489.502 and any charging order in effect under section 489.503.
- 2. A person has a right to a distribution before the 9 dissolution and winding up of a limited liability company only 31 10 if the company decides to make an interim distribution. 31 11 person's dissociation does not entitle the person to a 31 12 distribution.
- 3. A person does not have a right to demand or receive a 31 14 distribution from a limited liability company in any form 31 15 other than money. Except as otherwise provided in section 31 16 489.708, subsection 3, a limited liability company may 31 17 distribute an asset in kind if each part of the asset is 31 18 fungible with each other part and each person receives a 31 19 percentage of the asset equal in value to the person's share 31 20 of distributions.
- 4. If a member or transferee becomes entitled to receive a 31 22 distribution, the member or transferee has the status of, and 31 23 is entitled to all remedies available to, a creditor of the 31 24 limited liability company with respect to the distribution.

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- 1. A limited liability company shall not make a 31 28 distribution if after the distribution any of the following 31 29 applies:
- a. The company would not be able to pay its debts as they 31 31 become due in the ordinary course of the company's activities.
- 31 32 b. The company's total assets would be less than the sum 33 of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed, 31 34 if the company were to be dissolved, wound up, and terminated 31 35 at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential 32 1 rights upon dissolution, winding up, and termination of 2 members whose preferential rights are superior to those of 3 persons receiving the distribution.
  - 2. A limited liability company may base a determination 5 that a distribution is not prohibited under subsection 1 on 6 financial statements prepared on the basis of accounting 7 practices and principles that are reasonable in the 8 circumstances or on a fair valuation or other method that is 9 reasonable under the circumstances.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the 32 11 effect of a distribution under subsection 1 is measured as 32 12 follows:
- a. In the case of a distribution by purchase, redemption, 32 14 or other acquisition of a transferable interest in the 32 15 company, as of the date money or other property is transferred 32 16 or debt incurred by the company.
  - In all other cases, as follows:
- (1) The date that distribution is authorized, if the 32 19 payment occurs within one hundred twenty days after that date.
- (2) The date that payment is made, if the payment occurs 32 21 more than one hundred twenty days after the distribution is 32 22 authorized.
- 32 23 4. A limited liability company's indebtedness to a member 32 24 incurred by reason of a distribution made in accordance with 32 25 this section is at parity with the company's indebtedness to 32 26 its general, unsecured creditors.
- 32 27 5. A limited liability company's indebtedness, including 32 28 indebtedness issued in connection with or as part of a 32 29 distribution, is not a liability for purposes of subsection 1 32 30 if the terms of the indebtedness provide that payment of 32 31 principal and interest are made only to the extent that a 32 32 distribution could be made to members under this section. 32 33 indebtedness is issued as a distribution, each payment of 32 34 principal or interest on the indebtedness is treated as a 32 35 distribution, the effect of which is measured on the date the 1 payment is made.
- 33 In subsection 1, "distribution" does not include 3 amounts constituting reasonable compensation for present or 33 33 4 past services or reasonable payments made in the ordinary 33 5 course of business under a bona fide retirement plan or other

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NEW SECTION. 489.406 LIABILITY FOR IMPROPER Sec. 36. 33 8 DISTRIBUTIONS.

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- 33 9 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a 33 10 member of a member=managed limited liability company or 33 11 manager of a manager=managed limited liability company 33 12 consents to a distribution made in violation of section 33 13 489.405 and in consenting to the distribution fails to comply 33 14 with section 489.409, the member or manager is personally 33 15 liable to the company for the amount of the distribution that 33 16 exceeds the amount that could have been distributed without 33 17 the violation of section 489.405. 33 18
- 2. To the extent the operating agreement of a 33 19 member=managed limited liability company expressly relieves a 33 20 member of the authority and responsibility to consent to 33 21 distributions and imposes that authority and responsibility on 33 22 one or more other members, the liability stated in subsection 33 23 1 applies to the other members and not the member that the 33 24 operating agreement relieves of authority and responsibility 33 25
- 3. A person that receives a distribution knowing that the 33 26 distribution to that person was made in violation of section 33 27 489.405 is personally liable to the limited liability company 33 28 but only to the extent that the distribution received by the 33 29 person exceeded the amount that could have been properly paid 33 30 under section 489.405.
- 4. A person against which an action is commenced because 33 32 the person is liable under subsection 1 may do all of the 33 33 following:
- a. Implead any other person that is subject to liability 33 35 under subsection 1 and seek to compel contribution from the person.
  - b. Implead any person that received a distribution in violation of subsection 3 and seek to compel contribution from the person in the amount the person received in violation of subsection 3.
  - 5. An action under this section is barred if not commenced within two years after the distribution.
  - NEW SECTION. 489.407 MANAGEMENT OF LIMITED Sec. 37. LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 1. A limited liability company is a member=managed limited 34 11 liability company unless the operating agreement does any of 34 12 the following:
  - Expressly provides that any of the following apply:
  - (1) The company is or will be "manager=managed".
  - The company is or will be "managed by managers" (2) (3) Management of the company is or will be "vested in managers".
    - b. Includes words of similar import
  - In a member=managed limited liability company, all of the following rules apply:
- a. The management and conduct of the company are vested in 34 22 the members.
  - b. Each member has equal rights in the management and conduct of the company's activities.
- c. A difference arising among members as to a matter in 34 26 the ordinary course of the activities of the company may be decided by a majority of the members. 34 27
- d. An act outside the ordinary course of the activities of the company, including selling, leasing, exchanging, or otherwise disposing of all, or substantially all, of the 34 29 34 30 34 31 company's property, with or without the goodwill, may be 34 32 undertaken only with the consent of all members.
- e. The operating agreement may be amended only with the consent of all members. 34 34
  - f. Approve a merger, conversion, or domestication under article 10.
  - 3. In a manager=managed limited liability company, all of the following rules apply:
  - a. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, any matter relating to the activities of the company is decided exclusively by the managers.
  - b. Each manager has equal rights in the management and conduct of the activities of the company.
- c. A difference arising among managers as to a matter in 35 10 the ordinary course of the activities of the company may be 35 11
  - decided by a majority of the managers.

    d. The consent of all members is required to do any of the following:
- 35 14 (1) Sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all, or substantially all, of the company's property, with or without 35 15 35 16 the goodwill, outside the ordinary course of the company's 35 17 activities.

- 35 18 (2) Approve a merger, conversion, or domestication under 35 19 article 10.
- 35 20 (3) Undertake any oth 35 21 the company's activities. 35 22 (4) Amend the operati (3) Undertake any other act outside the ordinary course of
  - (4) Amend the operating agreement.

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- e. A manager may be chosen at any time by the consent of a 35 24 majority of the members and remains a manager until a 35 25 successor has been chosen, unless the manager at an earlier 35 26 time resigns, is removed, or dies, or, in the case of a 35 27 manager that is not an individual, terminates. A manager may 35 28 be removed at any time by the consent of a majority of the 35 29 members without notice or cause.
- f. A person need not be a member to be a manager, but the 35 30 35 31 dissociation of a member that is also a manager removes the 35 32 person as a manager. If a person that is both a manager and a 35 33 member ceases to be a manager, that cessation does not by 35 34 itself dissociate the person as a member.
  - A person's ceasing to be a manager does not discharge any debt, obligation, or other liability to the limited liability company or members which the person incurred while a manager.
  - 4. An action requiring the consent of members under this 5 chapter may be taken without a meeting, and a member may appoint a proxy or other agent to consent or otherwise act for the member by signing an appointing record, personally or by the member's agent.
    - 5. The dissolution of a limited liability company does not affect the applicability of this section. However, a person that wrongfully causes dissolution of the company loses the right to participate in management as a member and a manager.
- 6. This chapter does not entitle a member to remuneration 36 14 for services performed for a member=managed limited liability 36 15 company, except for reasonable compensation for services 36 16 rendered in winding up the activities of the company. 36 17 Sec. 38. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.408 INDEMNIFICATION A
- 489.408 INDEMNIFICATION AND 36 18 INSURANCE.
- 1. A limited liability company shall reimburse for any 36 20 payment made and indemnify for any debt, obligation, or other 36 21 liability incurred by a member of a member=managed company or 36 22 the manager of a manager=managed company in the course of the 36 23 36 24 member's or manager's activities on behalf of the company, if, in making the payment or incurring the debt, obligation, or 36 25 other liability, the member or manager complied with the 36 26 duties stated in sections 489.405 and 489.409.
  36 27 2. A limited liability company may purchase and maintain
- 36 28 insurance on behalf of a member or manager of the company 36 29 against liability asserted against or incurred by the member or manager in that capacity or arising from that status even if, under section 489.110, subsection 7, the operating 36 32 agreement could not eliminate or limit the person's liability to the company for the conduct giving rise to the liability.
- 36 33 36 34 Sec. 39. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.409 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR 36 35 MEMBERS AND MANAGERS.
  - 1. A member of a member=managed limited liability company owes to the company and, subject to section 489.901, subsection 2, the other members the fiduciary duties of
  - loyalty and care stated in subsections 2 and 3.
    2. The duty of loyalty of a member in a member=managed limited liability company includes all of the following
- 37 8 a. To account to the company and to hold as trustee for it 37 9 any property, profit, or benefit derived by the member 37 10 regarding any of the following:
  - In the conduct or winding up of the company's (1)activities.
    - (2) From a use by the member of the company's property.
- (3) From the appropriation of a limited liability company 37 15 opportunity.
- b. To refrain from dealing with the company in the conduct 37 17 or winding up of the company's activities as or on behalf of a 37 18 person having an interest adverse to the company.
- 37 19 To refrain from competing with the company in the 37 20 conduct of the company's activities before the dissolution of the company.
- 37 21 37 22 3. Subject to the business judgment rule as stated in 37 23 subsection 7, the duty of care of a member of a member=managed 37 24 limited liability company in the conduct and winding up of the 37 25 company's activities is to act with the care that a person in 37 26 a like position would reasonably exercise under similar 37 27 circumstances and in a manner the member reasonably believes 37 28 to be in the best interests of the company. In discharging

37 29 this duty, a member may rely in good faith upon opinions, 37 30 reports, statements, or other information provided by another 37 31 person that the member reasonably believes is a competent and 37 33

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- 37 32 reliable source for the information.
  37 33 4. A member in a member=managed limited liability company 37 34 or a manager=managed limited liability company shall discharge 37 35 the duties under this chapter or under the operating agreement and exercise any rights consistently with the contractual obligation of good faith and fair dealing.
  - 5. It is a defense to a claim under subsection 2, paragraph "b", and any comparable claim in equity or at common 4 law that the transaction was fair to the limited liability 5 6
- All of the members of a member=managed limited 6. liability company or a manager=managed limited liability company may authorize or ratify, after full disclosure of all 38 10 material facts, a specific act or transaction that otherwise 38 11 would violate the duty of loyalty.
  - 7. a. A member satisfies the duty of care in subsection 3 if all of the following apply:
  - (1)The member is not interested in the subject matter of the business judgment.
- (2) The member is informed with respect to the subject of the business judgment to the extent the member reasonably 38 18 believes to be appropriate in the circumstances
- (3) The member has a rational basis for believing that the 38 20 business judgment is in the best interests of the limited 38 21 liability company.
- b. A person challenging the business judgment of a member 38 23 has the burden of proving a breach of the duty of care, and in a damage action, the burden of proving that the breach was the legal cause of damage suffered by the limited liability 38 26 company.
  - 8. In a manager=managed limited liability company, all of the following rules apply:
- a. Subsections 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 apply to the manager or 38 30 managers and not the members.
- b. The duty stated under subsection 2, paragraph "c", continues until winding up is completed. 38 32
  - c. Subsection 4 applies to the members and managers.
  - d. Subsection 6 applies only to the members.e. A member does not have any fiduciary duty to the
  - company or to any other member solely by reason of being a member.
  - Sec. 40. NEW SECTION. 489.410 RIGHT OF MEMBERS, MANAGERS, AND DISSOCIATED MEMBERS TO INFORMATION.
  - 1. In a member=managed limited liability company, all of the following rules apply:
- a. On reasonable notice, a member may inspect and copy 8 during regular business hours, at a reasonable location specified by the company, any record maintained by the company 39 10 regarding the company's activities, financial condition, and 39 11 other circumstances, to the extent the information is material 39 12 to the member's rights and duties under the operating 39 13 agreement or this chapter.
- b. The company shall furnish to each member all of the 39 15 following:
- Without demand, any information concerning the (1)company's activities, financial condition, and other 39 18 circumstances which the company knows and is material to the 39 19 proper exercise of the member's rights and duties under the 39 20 operating agreement or this chapter, except to the extent the 39 21 company can establish that it reasonably believes the member 39 22 already knows the information.
- 39 23 (2) On demand, any other information concerning the 39 24 company's activities, financial condition, and other 39 25 circumstances, except to the extent the demand or information 39 26 demanded is unreasonable or otherwise improper under the 39 27 circumstances.
- 39 28 c. The duty to furnish information under paragraph "b" 39 29 also applies to each member to the extent the member knows any 39 30 of the information described in paragraph "b".
- In a manager=managed limited liability company, all of 39 31 39 32 the following rules apply:
- 39 a. The informational rights stated in subsection 1 and the 39 34 duty stated in subsection 1, paragraph "c", apply to the 39 35 managers and not the members.
- 40 b. During regular business hours and at a reasonable 2 location specified by the company, a member may obtain from 3 the company and inspect and copy full information regarding 40 40 4 the activities, financial condition, and other circumstances

40 5 of the company as is just and reasonable if all of the 6 following apply: 40

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(1) The member seeks the information for a purpose

- material to the member's interest as a member.

  (2) The member makes a demand in a record received by the 40 10 company, describing with reasonable particularity the 40 11 information sought and the purpose for seeking the 40 12 information.
- (3) The information sought is directly connected to the 40 14 member's purpose.
- c. Within ten days after receiving a demand pursuant to 40 16 paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), the company shall in a record inform the member that made the demand all of the following:
- 40 18 (1) Of the information that the company will provide in 40 19 response to the demand and when and where the company will 40 20 provide the information.
  - (2) If the company declines to provide any demanded information, the company's reasons for declining.
- 40 22 d. Whenever this chapter or an operating agreement 40 24 provides for a member to give or withhold consent to a matter, 40 25 before the consent is given or withheld, the company shall, 40 26 without demand, provide the member with all information that 40 27 is known to the company and is material to the member's 40 28 decision. 40 29 3. On
- 3. On ten days' demand made in a record received by a 40 30 limited liability company, a dissociated member may have 40 31 access to information to which the person was entitled while a 40 32 member if the information pertains to the period during which 40 33 the person was a member, the person seeks the information in 40 34 good faith, and the person satisfies the requirements imposed 40 35 on a member by subsection 2, paragraph "b". The company shall respond to a demand made pursuant to this subsection in the 2 manner provided in subsection 2, paragraph "c".
  - 4. A limited liability company may charge a person that makes a demand under this section the reasonable costs of copying, limited to the costs of labor and material.
- 5. A member or dissociated member may exercise rights under this section through an agent or, in the case of an individual under legal disability, a legal representative. 9 Any restriction or condition imposed by the operating 41 10 agreement or under subsection 7 applies both to the agent or legal representative and the member or dissociated member.
- 6. The rights under this section do not extend to a person 41 13 as transferee.
- 7. In addition to any restriction or condition stated in 41 15 its operating agreement, a limited liability company, as a 41 16 matter within the ordinary course of its activities, may 41 17 impose reasonable restrictions and conditions on access to and 41 18 use of information to be furnished under this section, 41 19 including designating information confidential and imposing 41 20 nondisclosure and safeguarding obligations on the recipient. 41 21 In a dispute concerning the reasonableness of a restriction 41 22 under this subsection, the company has the burden of proving 41 23 reasonableness.

## ARTICLE 5

41 25 TRANSFERABLE INTERESTS AND RIGHTS OF TRANSFEREES AND CREDITORS Sec. 41. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.501 NATURE OF TRANSFERABLE INTEREST.

A transferable interest is personal property.

- NEW SECTION. 489.502 TRANSFER OF TRANSFERABLE Sec. 42. 41 30 INTEREST.
- 1. For a transfer, in whole or in part, all of the 41 32 following applies to a transferable interest:
  - a. It is permissible.
  - It does not by itself cause a member's dissociation or 35 a dissolution and winding up of the limited liability company's activities.
    - Subject to section 489.504, it does not entitle the c. transferee to do any of the following: 3
      - (1) Participate in the management or conduct of the company's activities.
      - (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, have access to records or other information concerning the company's activities.
- 2. A transferee has the right to receive, in accordance 42 10 with the transfer, distributions to which the transferor would 42 11 otherwise be entitled.
- 42 12 3. In a dissolution and winding up of a limited liability 42 13 company, a transferee is entitled to an account of the company's transactions only from the date of dissolution. 42 14
  - 4. A transferable interest may be evidenced by a

42 16 certificate of the interest issued by the limited liability 42 17 company in a record, and, subject to this section, the 42 18 interest represented by the certificate may be transferred by 42 19 a transfer of the certificate. 42 20

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- 5. A limited liability company need not give effect to a 42 21 transferee's rights under this section until the company has 42 22 notice of the transfer.
- 6. A transfer of a transferable interest in violation of a 42 24 restriction on transfer contained in the operating agreement 42 25 or another agreement to which the transferor is a party is 42 26 ineffective as to a person having notice of the restriction at 42 27 the time of transfer.
- 7. Except as otherwise provided in section 489.602, 42 28 42 29 subsection 4, paragraph "b", when a member transfers a 42 30 transferable interest, the transferor retains the rights of a 42 31 member other than the interest in distributions transferred 42 32 and retains all duties and obligations of a member. 42 33 8. When a member transfers a transferable inter
- 8. When a member transfers a transferable interest to a 42 34 person that becomes a member with respect to the transferred 42 35 interest, the transferee is liable for the member's 1 obligations under section 489.403 and section 489.406, subsection 3, known to the transferee when the transferee 3 becomes a member.
- Sec. 43. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.503 CHARGING ORDER. 1. On application by a judgment creditor of a member or 6 transferee, a court may enter a charging order against the 7 transferable interest of the judgment debtor for the 8 unsatisfied amount of the judgment. A charging order 9 constitutes a lien on a judgment debtor's transferable 43 10 interest and requires the limited liability company to pay 43 11 over to the person to which the charging order was issued any 43 12 distribution that would otherwise be paid to the judgment 43 13 debtor.
- 2. To the extent necessary to effectuate the collection of 43 15 distributions pursuant to a charging order in effect under 43 16 subsection 1, the court may do all of the following:
- a. Appoint a receiver of the distributions subject to the 43 18 charging order, with the power to make all inquiries the 43 19 judgment debtor might have made.
- b. Make all other orders necessary to give effect to the 43 21 charging order.
- 3. Upon a showing that distributions under a charging 43 23 order will not pay the judgment debt within a reasonable time, 43 24 the court may foreclose the lien and order the sale of the 43 25 transferable interest. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale 43 26 only obtains the transferable interest, does not thereby 43 27 become a member, and is subject to section 489.502.
- 43 28 4. At any time before foreclosure under subsection 3, the 43 29 member or transferee whose transferable interest is subject to 43 30 a charging order under subsection 1 may extinguish the 43 31 charging order by satisfying the judgment and filing a 43 32 certified copy of the satisfaction with the court that issued 43 33 the charging order.
  - 5. At any time before foreclosure under subsection 3, a limited liability company or one or more members whose transferable interests are not subject to the charging order 2 may pay to the judgment creditor the full amount due under the judgment and thereby succeed to the rights of the judgment creditor, including the charging order.
  - 6. This chapter does not deprive any member or transferee 6 of the benefit of any exemption laws applicable to the member's or transferee's transferable interest.
- 7. This section provides the exclusive remedy by which a person seeking to enforce a judgment against a member or transferee may, in the capacity of judgment creditor, satisfy the judgment from the judgment debtor's transferable interest. 44 10 44 11

44 12 Sec. 44. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.504 POWER OF PERSONAL 44 13 REPRESENTATIVE OF DECEASED MEMBER.
44 14 If a member dies, the deceased member's personal

44 15 representative or other legal representative may exercise the 44 16 rights of a transferee provided in section 489.502, subsection 3, and, for the purposes of settling the estate, the rights of 44 18 a current member under section 489.410.

## ARTICLE 6 MEMBER'S DISSOCIATION

Sec. 45. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.601 MEMBER'S POWER TO 44 22 DISSOCIATE == WRONGFUL DISSOCIATION.

1. A person has the power to dissociate as a member at any 44 24 time, rightfully or wrongfully, by withdrawing as a member by 44 25 express will under section 489.602, subsection 1.

2. A person's dissociation from a limited liability

44 27 company is wrongful only if any of the following applies to 44 28 the dissociation:

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- 44 31 b. It occurs before the termination of the company and any 44 32 of the following applies:
  - (1)The person withdraws as a member by express will. (2) The person is expelled as a member by judicial order
  - under section 489.602, subsection 5.

    (3) The person is dissociated under section 489.602, subsection 7, paragraph "a", by becoming a debtor in 3 bankruptcy.
    - (4) In the case of a person that is not a trust other than a business trust, an estate, or an individual, the person is expelled or otherwise dissociated as a member because it willfully dissolved or terminated.
- 3. A person that wrongfully dissociates as a member is 9 liable to the limited liability company and, subject to 45 10 section 489.901, to the other members for damages caused by 45 11 the dissociation. The liability is in addition to any other 45 12 debt, obligation, or other liability of the member to the 45 13 company or the other members.
- 45 14 Sec. 46. NEW SECTION. 489.602 EVENTS CAUSING 45 15 DISSOCIATION. 45 16
  - A person is dissociated as a member from a limited liability company when any of the following applies:
- 45 18 1. The company has notice of the person's express will to 45 19 withdraw as a member, but, if the person specified a 45 20 withdrawal date later than the date the company had notice, on 45 21 that later date.
- 2. An event stated in the operating agreement as causing 45 23 the person's dissociation occurs.
- 3. The person is expelled as a member pursuant to the 45 25 operating agreement.
  - The person is expelled as a member by the unanimous consent of the other members if any of the following applies:
- a. It is unlawful to carry on the company's activities 45 29 with the person as a member.
- b. There has been a transfer of all of the person's 45 31 transferable interest in the company, other than any of the 45 32 following: 45 33 (1) A
  - (1) A transfer for security purposes.
- (2) A charging order in effect under section 489.503 which 45 35 has not been foreclosed.
  - The person is a corporation and, within ninety days 2 after the company notifies the person that it will be expelled 3 as a member because the person has filed a certificate of 4 dissolution or the equivalent, its charter has been revoked, 5 or its right to conduct business has been suspended by the 6 jurisdiction of its incorporation, the certificate of 7 dissolution has not been revoked or its charter or right to 8 conduct business has not been reinstated.
- d. The person is a limited liability company or 46 10 partnership that has been dissolved and whose business is 46 11 being wound up.
- 46 12 5. On application by the company, the person is expelled 46 13 as a member by judicial order because the person has done any 46 14 of the following: 46 15
- a. Has engaged, or is engaging, in wrongful conduct that 46 16 has adversely and materially affected, or will adversely and 46 17 materially affect, the company's activities.
- Has willfully or persistently committed, or is 46 19 willfully and persistently committing, a material breach of 46 20 the operating agreement or the person's duties or obligations
- 46 21 under section 489.409. 46 22 c. Has engaged in, or is engaging in, conduct relating to 46 23 the company's activities which makes it not reasonably 46 24 practicable to carry on the activities with the person as a 46 25 member.
  - 6. In the case of a person who is an individual, any of the following applies:
    - a. The person dies.
- In a member=managed limited liability company any of 46 29 b. 46 30 the following applies:
- 46 31 (1) A guardian or general conservator for the person is 46 32 appointed.
- 46 33 There is a judicial order that the person has 46 34 otherwise become incapable of performing the person's duties 46 35 as a member under this chapter or the operating agreement. 47
  - 7. In a member=managed limited liability company, the 2 person does any of the following:

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b. Executes an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

c. Seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the person or of all or substantially all of the person's property.

- 8. In the case of a person that is a trust or is acting as a member by virtue of being a trustee of a trust, the trust's 47 10 entire transferable interest in the company is distributed.
- 47 11 9. In the case of a person that is an estate or is acting 47 12 as a member by virtue of being a personal representative of an 47 13 estate, the estate's entire transferable interest in the 47 14 company is distributed.
- 10. In the case of a member that is not an individual, 47 16 partnership, limited liability company, corporation, trust, or 47 17 estate, the termination of the member.
- The company participates in a merger under article 10, 47 19 if any of the following applies:
  - a. The company is not the surviving entity.
- b. Otherwise as a result of the merger, the person ceases 47 22 to be a member. 47 23 12. The com
  - 12. The company participates in a conversion under article
- 13. The company participates in a domestication under 47 26 article 10, if, as a result of the domestication, the person ceases to be a member.
  - 14. The company terminates.
- <u>NEW SECTION</u>. Sec. 47. 489.603 EFFECT OF PERSON'S 47 30 DISSOCIATION AS MEMBER.
- 47 31 When a person is dissociated as a member of a limited 1. 47 32 liability company, all of the following apply:
- 47 33 a. The person's right to participate as a member in the 47 34 management and conduct of the company's activities terminates.
  - b. If the company is member=managed, the person's 1 fiduciary duties as a member end with regard to matters arising and events occurring after the person's dissociation.
  - c. Subject to section 489.504 and article 10, any 4 transferable interest owned by the person immediately before dissociation in the person's capacity as a member is owned by the person solely as a transferee.
- 2. A person's dissociation as a member of a limited liability company does not of itself discharge the person from any debt, obligation, or other liability to the company or the 48 10 other members which the person incurred while a member.

Sec. 48. NEW SECTION. 489.604 MEMBER'S POWER TO DISSOCIATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

48 12 48 13 1. If the certificate of organization or an operating

- 48 14 agreement does not specify the time or the events upon the 48 15 happening of which a member may dissociate, a member may 48 16 dissociate from the limited liability company in the event any 48 17 amendment to the certificate of organization or operating 48 18 agreement that is adopted over the member's written dissent 48 19 adversely affects the rights or preferences of the dissenting 48 20 member's transferable interest in any of the ways described in 48 21 paragraphs "a" through "f". A dissociation in the event of 48 22 such dissent and adverse effect is deemed to have occurred as 48 23 of the effective date of the amendment, if the member gives 48 24 notice to the limited liability company not more than sixty 48 25 days after the date of the amendment. In valuing the member's 48 25 days after the date of the amendment. 48 26 distribution pursuant to this subsection, any depreciation in 48 27 anticipation of the amendment shall be excluded. An amendment 48 28 that does any of the following is subject to this section:
- a. Alters or abolishes a member's right to receive a 48 30 distribution.
- b. Alters or abolishes a member's right to voluntarily 48 32 dissociate.
- c. Alters or abolishes a member's right to vote on any 48 34 matter, except as the rights may be altered or abolished 48 35 through the acceptance of contributions or the making of contribution agreements.
  - d. Alters or abolishes a member's preemptive right to make contributions.
  - e. Establishes or changes the conditions for or consequences of expulsion.
  - 5 6 f. Waives the application of this section to the limited liability company.
  - 2. A member dissociating under this section is not liable 8 for damages for the breach of any agreement not to withdraw.
- 3. This section applies to a limited liability company 49 10 49 11 whose original articles of organization or certificate of 49 12 organization is filed with the secretary of state on or after 49 13 July 1, 1997.

49 14 This section applies to a limited liability company 49 15 whose original articles of organization are filed with the 49 16 secretary of state and effective on or prior to June 30, 1997, 49 17 if such company's operating agreement provides that it is 49 18 subject to this section.

5. The operating agreement of a limited liability company 49 19 49 20 may waive the applicability of this section to the company and

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#### ARTICLE 7

## DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

Sec. 49. NEW SECTION. 489.701 EVENTS CAUSING 49 25 DISSOLUTION.

- 1. A limited liability company is dissolved, and its 49 27 activities must be wound up, upon the occurrence of any of the 49 28 following:
- a. An event or circumstance that the operating agreement 49 30 states causes dissolution.
  - The consent of all the members.
- c. Once the company has at least one member, the passage 49 33 of ninety consecutive days during which the company has no 49 34 members.
  - d. On application by a member, the entry by a district court of an order dissolving the company on the grounds that any of the following applies:
  - The conduct of all or substantially all of the (1)company's activities is unlawful.
  - (2) It is not reasonably practicable to carry on the company's activities in conformity with the certificate of organization and the operating agreement.
- e. On application by a member or transferee, the entry by a district court of an order dissolving the company on the 50 10 grounds that the managers or those members in control of the 50 11 company have done any of the following:
  - (1) Have acted, are acting, or will act in a manner that is illegal or fraudulent.
- (2) Have acted or are acting in a manner that is 50 15 oppressive and was, is, or will be directly harmful to the 50 16 applicant.
- 2. In a proceeding brought under subsection 1, paragraph 50 18 "e", the court may order a remedy other than dissolution.
- Sec. 50. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.702 WINDING UP. 1. A dissolved limited liability company shall wind up its 50 21 activities, and the company continues after dissolution only 50 22 for the purpose of winding up.
  - 2. In winding up its activities, all of the following apply to a limited liability company:
- It shall discharge the company's debts, obligations, or 50 26 other liabilities, settle and close the company's activities, 50 27 and marshal and distribute the assets of the company.
- 50 28 b. It may do all of the following: 50 29 (1) Deliver to the secretary of state for filing a 50 30 statement of dissolution stating the name of the company and that the company is dissolved.
- (2) Preserve the company activities and property as a 50 33 going concern for a reasonable time.
  - (3) Prosecute and defend actions and proceedings, whether civil, criminal, or administrative.
    - Transfer the company's property. (4)
    - Settle disputes by mediation or arbitration. (5)
  - (6) Deliver to the secretary of state for filing a statement of termination stating the name of the company and that the company is terminated.
  - (7) Perform other acts necessary or appropriate to the winding up.
- If a dissolved limited liability company has no members, the legal representative of the last person to have 9 51 10 been a member may wind up the activities of the company. 51 11 the person does so, the person has the powers of a sole manager under section 489.407, subsection 3, and is deemed to 51 12 51 13 be a manager for the purposes of section 489.304, subsection 51 14 1, paragraph "b".
- 51 15 If the legal representative under subsection 3 declines 51 16 or fails to wind up the company's activities, a person may be 51 17 appointed to do so by the consent of transferees owning a 51 18 majority of the rights to receive distributions as transferees 51 19 at the time the consent is to be effective. All of the 51 20 following apply to a person appointed under this subsection:
- 51 21 a. The person has the powers of a sole manager under 51 22 section 489.407, subsection 3, and is deemed to be a manager 51 23 for the purposes of section 489.304, subsection 1, paragraph 51 24 "b".

- 51 25 The person shall promptly deliver to the secretary of 51 26 state for filing an amendment to the company's certificate of 51 27 organization to do all of the following: 51 28 (1) State that the company has no me
  - State that the company has no members.

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- (2) State that the person has been appointed pursuant to 51 30 this subsection to wind up the company.
- (3) Provide the street and mailing addresses of the 51 32 person.
- 5. The district court may order judicial supervision of 51 34 the winding up of a dissolved limited liability company, including the appointment of a person to wind up the company's activities pursuant to any of the following:
  - a. On application of a member, if the applicant establishes good cause.
  - b. On the application of a transferee, if all of the following apply:
    - (1)
  - The company does not have any members.
    The legal representative of the last person to have (2)been a member declines or fails to wind up the company's activities.
  - (3) Within a reasonable time following the dissolution a person has not been appointed pursuant to subsection 3.
  - c. In connection with a proceeding under section 489.701,
- 52 13 subsection 1, paragraph "d" or "e".
  52 14 Sec. 51. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.703 KNOWN CLAIMS AGAINST
  52 15 DISSOLVED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a 52 17 dissolved limited liability company may give notice of a known 52 18 claim under subsection 2, which has the effect as provided in 52 19 subsection 3.
- 52 20 2. A dissolved limited Hapliffy company .... 52 21 notify its known claimants of the dissolution. 2. A dissolved limited liability company may in a record The notice 52 22 must do all of the following:
  - a. Specify the information required to be included in a claim.
- b. Provide a mailing address to which the claim is to be 52 26 sent.
- State the deadline for receipt of the claim, which may 52 28 not be less than one hundred twenty days after the date the 52 29 notice is received by the claimant.
  - d. State that the claim will be barred if not received by the deadline.
- 3. A claim against a dissolved limited liability company 52 33 is barred if the requirements of subsection 2 are met and any 52 34 of the following applies:
  - The claim is not received by the specified deadline. a.
  - b. If the claim is timely received but rejected by the

  - 2 company, all of the following apply:
    3 (1) The company causes the claimant to receive a notice in 4 a record stating that the claim is rejected and will be barred 5 unless the claimant commences an action against the company to 6 enforce the claim within ninety days after the claimant receives the notice.
    - The claimant does not commence the required action (2) within the ninety days.
    - 4. This section does not apply to a claim based on an event occurring after the effective date of dissolution or a liability that on that date is contingent.
- Sec. 52. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.704 OTHER CLAIMS AGAINST 53 14 DISSOLVED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 53 15 1. A dissolved limited liability company may publish 53 16 notice of its dissolution and request persons having claims 53 17 against the company to present them in accordance with the
- 53 18 notice. 53 19 2. The notice authorized by subsection 1 must do all of 53 20 the following:
- a. Be published at least once in a newspaper of general 53 22 circulation in the county in this state in which the dissolved 53 23 limited liability company's principal office is located or, if 53 24 it has none in this state, in the county in which the 53 25 company's registered office is or was last located.
- 53 26 Describe the information required to be contained in a 53 27 claim and provide a mailing address to which the claim is to 53 28 be sent.
- 53 29 c. State that a claim against the company is barred unless 53 30 an action to enforce the claim is commenced within five years 53 31 after publication of the notice.
- 53 32 3. If a dissolved limited liability company publishes a 53 33 notice in accordance with subsection 2, unless the claimant 53 34 commences an action to enforce the claim against the company 53 35 within five years after the publication date of the notice,

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- a. A claimant that did not receive notice in a record 3 under section 489.703.
- b. A claimant whose claim was timely sent to the company 5 but not acted on.
  - c. A claimant whose claim is contingent at, or based on an event occurring after, the effective date of dissolution.
  - A claim not barred under this section may be enforced as follows:
  - a. Against a dissolved limited liability company, to the
- extent of its undistributed assets.

  b. If assets of the company have been distributed after 54 11 54 13 dissolution, against a member or transferee to the extent of 54 14 that person's proportionate share of the claim or of the 54 15 assets distributed to the member or transferee after 54 16 dissolution, whichever is less, but a person's total liability 54 17 for all claims under this paragraph does not exceed the total 54 18 amount of assets distributed to the person after dissolution.

Sec. 53. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.705 ADMINISTRATIVE

- 54 20 DISSOLUTION. 54 21 1. The s 1. The secretary of state may dissolve a limited liability 54 22 company administratively if the company does not do any of the 54 23 following:
- a. Pay, within sixty days after the due date, any fee, 54 25 tax, or penalty due to the secretary of state under this 54 26 chapter or law other than this chapter.

54 27 b. Deliver, within sixty days after the due date, its 54 28 biennial report to the secretary of state.

- 2. If the secretary of state determines that a ground 54 30 exists for administratively dissolving a limited liability 54 31 company, the secretary of state shall file a record of the 54 32 determination and serve the company with a copy of the filed 54 33 record.
- 3. If within sixty days after service of the copy pursuant 54 35 to subsection 2 a limited liability company does not correct each ground for dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable 2 satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground 3 determined by the secretary of state does not exist, the 4 secretary of state shall dissolve the company administratively 5 by preparing, signing, and filing a declaration of dissolution 6 that states the grounds for dissolution. The secretary of 7 state shall serve the company with a copy of the filed 8 declaration.
- 4. A limited liability company that has been 55 10 administratively dissolved continues in existence but, subject 55 11 to section 489.706, may carry on only activities necessary to 55 12 wind up its activities and liquidate its assets under sections 55 13 489.702 and 489.708 and to notify claimants under sections 55 14 489.703 and 489.704.
- 5. The administrative dissolution of a limited liability 55 16 company does not terminate the authority of its registered 55 17 agent for service of process.
- Sec. 54. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.706 REINSTATEMENT FOLLOWING 55 19 ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION. 55 20 1. A limited liability
- 1. A limited liability company administratively dissolved 55 21 under section 489.705 may apply to the secretary of state for 55 22 reinstatement at any time after the effective date of 55 23 dissolution. The application must be delivered to the 55 24 secretary of state and meet all of the following requirements:
- a. Recite the name of the limited liability company at its 55 26 date of dissolution and the effective date of its 55 27 administrative dissolution.
- b. State that the ground or grounds for dissolution as 55 29 provided in section 489.705 have been eliminated.
- c. If the application is received more than five years after the effective date of the administrative dissolution, 55 31 55 32 state a name that satisfies the requirements of section 55 33 55 34 489.108.
  - State the federal tax identification number of the d. limited liability company.
- 55 35 The secretary of state shall refer the federal tax 2. . identification number contained in the application for 3 reinstatement to the department of revenue. The department of 4 revenue shall report to the secretary of state the tax status 5 of the limited liability company. If the department reports 6 to the secretary of state that a filing delinquency or liability exists against the limited liability company, 8 secretary of state shall not cancel the declaration of 9 dissolution until the filing delinquency or liability is 56 10 satisfied.
  - 3. If the secretary of state determines that the

56 12 application contains the information required by subsection 1, 56 13 and that a delinquency or liability reported pursuant to 56 14 subsection 2 has been satisfied, and that the information is 56 15 correct, the secretary of state shall cancel the declaration 56 16 of dissolution and prepare a certificate of reinstatement that 56 17 recites the secretary of state's determination and the 56 18 effective date of reinstatement, file the original of the 56 19 certificate, and serve a copy on the limited liability company 56 20 under section 489.116. If the limited liability company's 56 21 name in subsection 1, paragraph "c", is different than the 56 22 name in subsection 1, paragraph "a", the certificate of 56 23 reinstatement shall constitute an amendment to the limited 56 24 liability company's certificate of organization insofar as it 56 25 pertains to its name. A limited liability company shall not 56 26 relinquish the right to retain its name as provided in section 56 27 489.108, if the reinstatement is effective within five years 56 28 of the effective date of the limited liability company's 56 29 dissolution. 56 30

- 4. When the reinstatement is effective, it relates back to 56 31 and takes effect as of the effective date of the 56 32 administrative dissolution as if the administrative 56 33 dissolution had never occurred.
- Sec. 55. NEW SECTION. 489.707 APPEAL FROM REJECTION OF 56 35 REINSTATEMENT.

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- 1. If the secretary of state rejects a limited liability 2 company's application for reinstatement following 3 administrative dissolution, the secretary of state shall 4 prepare, sign, and file a notice that explains the reason for 5 rejection and serve the company with a copy of the notice.
- Within thirty days after service of a notice of rejection of reinstatement under subsection 1, a limited 8 liability company may appeal from the rejection by petitioning 9 the district court to set aside the dissolution. The petition 57 10 must be served on the secretary of state and contain a copy of 57 11 the secretary of state's declaration of dissolution, the 57 12 company's application for reinstatement, and the secretary of 57 13 state's notice of rejection. 57 14 3. The court may order t
- 57 14 3. The court may order the secretary of state to reinstate 57 15 a dissolved limited liability company or take other action the 57 16 court considers appropriate.
- 57 17 Sec. 56. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.708 DISTRIBUTION C 57 18 WINDING UP LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS IN
- 1. In winding up its activities, a limited liability 57 20 company must apply its assets to discharge its obligations to 57 21 creditors, including members that are creditors.
- 2. After a limited liability company complies with 57 23 subsection 1, any surplus must be distributed in the following 57 24 order, subject to any charging order in effect under section 57 25 489.503:
- a. To each person owning a transferable interest that 57 27 reflects contributions made by a member and not previously 57 28 returned, an amount equal to the value of the unreturned 57 29 contributions.
- b. In equal shares among members and dissociated members, 57 31 except to the extent necessary to comply with any transfer 57 32 effective under section 489.502.
- 3. If a limited liability company does not have sufficient 57 34 surplus to comply with subsection 2, paragraph "a", any 57 35 surplus must be distributed among the owners of transferable interests in proportion to the value of their respective 2 unreturned contributions.
  - 4. All distributions made under subsections 2 and 3 must 4 be paid in money.

### ARTICLE 8

FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

- Sec. 57. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.801 GOVERNING LAW.
- 1. The law of the state or other jurisdiction under which a foreign limited liability company is formed governs all of the following:
  - a. The internal affairs of the company.
- 58 12 b. The liability of a member as member and a manager as 58 13 manager for the debts, obligations, or other liabilities of 58 14 the company.
- 2. A foreign limited liability company shall not be denied 58 16 a certificate of authority by reason of any difference between 58 17 the law of the jurisdiction under which the company is formed 58 18 and the law of this state.
- 3. A certificate of authority does not authorize a foreign 58 19 58 20 limited liability company to engage in any business or 58 21 exercise any power that a limited liability company shall not

58 22 engage in or exercise in this state.

58 23 Sec. 58. NEW SECTION. 489.802 APPLICATION FOR 58 24 CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.

- 58 25 1. A foreign limited liability company may apply for a 58 26 certificate of authority to transact business in this state by 58 27 delivering an application to the secretary of state for a first application must state all of the following:
- 58 29 a. The name of the company and, if the name does not 58 30 comply with section 489.108, an alternate name adopted pursuant to section 489.805, subsection 1.
- b. The name of the state or other jurisdiction under whose 58 33 law the company is formed.
- c. The street and mailing addresses of the company's 58 35 principal office and, if the law of the jurisdiction under 59 1 which the company is formed require the company to maintain an 59 2 office in that jurisdiction, the street and mailing addresses 3 of the required office.
  - d. The name and street and mailing addresses of the 5 company's initial registered agent for service of process in 6 this state.
- 2. A foreign limited liability company shall deliver with 8 a completed application under subsection 1 a certificate of 9 existence or a record of similar import signed by the 59 10 secretary of state or other official having custody of the 59 11 company's publicly filed records in the state or other 59 12 jurisdiction under whose law the company is formed.

Sec. 59. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.803 ACTIVITIES NOT

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- 1. Activities of a foreign limited liability company which 59 16 do not constitute transacting business in this state within 59 17 the meaning of this article include all of the following:
- a. Maintaining, defending, or settling an action or 59 19 proceeding.
- b. Carrying on any activity concerning its internal 59 21 affairs, including holding meetings of its members or 59 22 managers.
  - c. Maintaining accounts in financial institutions.
- 59 24 d. Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, 59 25 exchange, and registration of the company's own securities or 59 26 maintaining trustees or depositories with respect to those 59 27 securities.
  - e. Selling through independent contractors.
- f. Soliciting or obtaining orders, whether by mail or 59 30 electronic means or through employees or agents or otherwise, 59 31 if the orders require acceptance outside this state before 59 32 they become contracts.
- g. Creating or acquiring indebtedness, mortgages, or 59 34 security interests in real or personal property.
  - h. Securing or collecting debts or enforcing mortgages or other security interests in property securing the debts and 2 holding, protecting, or maintaining property so acquired.
    - i. Conducting an isolated transaction that is completed within thirty days and is not in the course of similar transactions.
      - j. Transacting business in interstate commerce.
- For purposes of this article, the ownership in this 8 state of income=producing real property or tangible personal 9 property, other than property excluded under subsection 1, 60 10 constitutes transacting business in this state.
- 3. This section does not apply in determining the contacts 60 12 or activities that may subject a foreign limited liability 60 13 company to service of process, taxation, or regulation under law of this state other than this chapter.

NEW SECTION. 489.804 FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF Sec. 60. 60 16 AUTHORITY.

Unless the secretary of state determines that an 60 18 application for a certificate of authority does not comply 60 19 with the filing requirements of this chapter, the secretary of 60 20 state, upon payment of all filing fees, shall file the 60 21 application of a foreign limited liability company, prepare, 60 22 sign, and file a certificate of authority to transact business 60 23 in this state, and send a copy of the filed certificate, 60 24 together with a receipt for the fees, to the company or its 60 25 representative.

489.805 NONCOMPLYING NAME OF NEW SECTION. Sec. 61. 60 27 FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

60 28 1. A foreign limited liability company whose name does not 60 29 comply with section 489.108 shall not obtain a certificate of 60 30 authority until it adopts, for the purpose of transacting 60 31 business in this state, an alternate name that complies with 60 32 section 489.108. After obtaining a certificate of authority 60 33 with an alternate name, a foreign limited liability company

60 34 shall transact business in this state under the alternate 60 35 name.

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- 2. If a foreign limited liability company authorized to 2 transact business in this state changes its name to one that 3 does not comply with section 489.108, it may not thereafter 4 transact business in this state until it complies with 5 subsection 1 and obtains an amended certificate of authority. 489.806 REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE Sec. 62. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. OF AUTHORITY.
- 1. A certificate of authority of a foreign limited 8 9 liability company to transact business in this state may be 61 10 revoked by the secretary of state in the manner provided in 61 11 subsections 2 and 3 if the company does not do any of the 61 12 following: 61 13
- a. Pay, within sixty days after the due date, any fee, 61 14 tax, or penalty due the secretary of state under this chapter 61 15 or law other than this chapter.
- 61 16 b. Deliver, within sixty days after the due date, its 61 17 biennial report required under section 489.209.
- c. Appoint and maintain a registered agent for service of 61 19 process as required by section 489.113, subsection 2. 61 20 d. Deliver for filing a statement of a change under
- 61 21 section 489.114 within thirty days after a change has occurred 61 22 in the name or address of the registered agent.
- 61 23 To revoke a certificate of authority of a foreign 61 24 limited liability company, the secretary of state must 61 25 prepare, sign, and file a notice of revocation and send a copy 61 26 to the company's registered agent for service of process in 61 27 this state, or if the company does not appoint and maintain a 61 28 proper registered agent in this state, to the company's 61 29 registered office. The notice must state all of the 61 30 following: 61 31
- a. The revocation's effective date, which must be at least 61 32 sixty days after the date the secretary of state sends the 61 33 copy.
  - b. The grounds for revocation under subsection 1.
  - The authority of a foreign limited liability company to 3. transact business in this state ceases on the effective date in the notice of revocation unless before that date the 3 company cures each ground for revocation stated in the notice filed under subsection 2. If the company cures each ground, the secretary of state shall file a record so stating.
    - NEW SECTION. Sec. 63. 489.807 CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.
- 1. To cancel its certificate of authority to transact 9 business in this state, a foreign limited liability company 62 10 must deliver to the secretary of state for filing a notice of cancellation stating all of the following:
- The name of the foreign limited liability company and 62 13 that the company desires to cancel its certificate of 62 14 authority.
- That the foreign limited liability company revokes the b. 62 16 authority of its registered agent to accept service on its 62 17 behalf and appoints the secretary of state as its agent for 62 18 service of process in any proceeding based on a cause of 62 19 action arising during the time it was authorized to transact 62 20 business in this state.
- 62 21 c. A mailing address to which the secretary of state 62 22 mail a copy of any process served on the secretary of state c. A mailing address to which the secretary of state may 62 23 under paragraph "b".
- 62 24 d. A commitment to notify the secretary of state in the 62 25 future of any change in the mailing address of the foreign 62 26 limited liability company.
- 2. The certificate is canceled when the notice becomes 62 28 effective.
- Sec. 64. NEW SECTION. 489.808 EFFECT OF FAILURE TO HAVE 62 30 CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.
- 1. A foreign limited liability company transacting 62 32 business in this state shall not maintain an action or 62 33 proceeding in this state unless it has a certificate of 62 34 authority to transact business in this state.
  - The failure of a foreign limited liability company to 1 have a certificate of authority to transact business in this 2 state does not impair the validity of a contract or act of the 3 company or prevent the company from defending an action or 4 proceeding in this state.
- 63 3. The successor to a foreign limited liability company 6 that transacted business in this state without a certificate 7 of authority and the assignee of a cause of action arising out 63 63 63 8 of that business shall not maintain a proceeding based on that 9 cause of action in any court in this state until the foreign

63 10 limited liability company or its successor obtains a 63 11 certificate of authority.

- 63 12 4. A district court may stay a proceeding commenced by a 63 13 foreign limited liability company, its successor, or assignee 63 14 until it determines whether the foreign limited liability 63 15 company or its successor or assignee requires a certificate of 63 16 authority. If it so determines, the district court may 63 17 further stay the proceeding until the foreign limited 63 18 liability company or its successor or assignee obtains the 63 19 certificate.
- 63 20 A foreign limited liability company is liable for a 63 21 civil penalty not to exceed a total of one thousand dollars if 63 22 it transacts business in this state without a certificate of 63 23 authority. The attorney general may collect penalties due 63 24 under this subsection. 63 25
- 6. A member or manager of a foreign limited liability 63 26 company is not liable for the debts, obligations, or other 63 27 liabilities of the company solely because the company 63 28 transacted business in this state without a certificate of 63 29 authority.
- 7. If a foreign limited liability company transacts 63 31 business in this state without a certificate of authority or 63 32 cancels its certificate of authority, it appoints the 63 33 secretary of state as its registered agent for service of 63 34 process for rights of action arising out of the transaction of 63 35 business in this state.
  - Sec. 65. NEW SECTION. 489.809 ACTION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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The attorney general may maintain an action to enjoin a foreign limited liability company from transacting business in this state in violation of this article. ARTICLE 9

# ACTIONS BY MEMBERS

Sec. 66. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.901 DIRECT ACTION BY MEMBER.

- 1. Subject to subsection 2, a member may maintain a direct 64 10 action against another member, a manager, or the limited 64 11 liability company to enforce the member's rights and otherwise 64 12 protect the member's interests, including rights and interests 64 13 under the operating agreement or this chapter or arising 64 14 independently of the membership relationship.
- 2. A member maintaining a direct action under this section 64 16 must plead and prove an actual or threatened injury that is not solely the result of an injury suffered or threatened to
- 64 18 be suffered by the limited liability company. 64 19 Sec. 67. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.902 DERIVATIVE ACTION. A member may maintain a derivative action to enforce a

right of a limited liability company as follows:

- 1. The member first makes a demand on the other members in 64 23 a member=managed limited liability company, or the managers of 64 24 a manager=managed limited liability company, requesting that 64 25 they cause the company to bring an action to enforce the 64 26 right, and the managers or other members do not bring the 64 27 action within ninety days from the date the demand was made 64 28 unless the member has earlier been notified that the demand 64 29 has been rejected by the company or unless irreparable injury 64 30 to the company would result by waiting for the expiration of 64 31 the ninety=day period.
  - 2. A demand under subsection 1 would be futile. Sec. 68. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.903 PROPER PLAINTIFF.
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a 64 35 derivative action under section 489.902 may be maintained only by a person that is a member at the time the action is commenced and remains a member while the action continues.
  - 2. If the sole plaintiff in a derivative action dies while the action is pending, the court may permit another member of the limited liability company to be substituted as plaintiff.
  - NEW SECTION. Sec. 69. 489.904 PLEADING. In a derivative action under section 489.902, the complaint must state with particularity any of the following:
- 8 1. The date and content of the plaintiff's demand and the response to the demand by the managers or other members. 65 10
- 2. If a demand has not been made, the reasons a demand 65 12
- under section 489.902, subsection 1, would be futile. Sec. 70. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.906 PROCEEDS AND EXPENSES. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, all of 65 15 the following apply:
- 65 16 a. Any proceeds or other benefits of a derivative action 65 17 under section 489.902, whether by judgment, compromise, or settlement, belong to the limited liability company and not to 65 18 65 19 the plaintiff.
  - b. If the plaintiff receives any proceeds, the plaintiff

65 21 shall remit them immediately to the company.

65 22 2. If a derivative action under section 489.902 is 65 23 successful in whole or in part, the court may award the 65 24 plaintiff reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorney 65 25 fees and costs, from the recovery of the limited liability 65 26 company.

ARTICLE 10

MERGER, CONVERSION, AND DOMESTICATION Sec. 71. NEW SECTION. 489.1001 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this article:

"Constituent limited liability company" means a 1. 65 32 constituent organization that is a limited liability company.

2. "Constituent organization" means an organization that 65 34 is party to a merger.

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3. "Converted organization" means the organization into which a converting organization converts pursuant to sections 489.1006 through 489.1009.

4. "Converting limited liability company" means a converting organization that is a limited liability company.

- 5. "Converting organization" means an organization that converts into another organization pursuant to section 489.1006.
- 8 6. "Domesticated company" means the company that exists after a domesticating foreign limited liability company or limited liability company effects a domestication pursuant to sections 489.1010 through 489.1013. 9 66 10 66 11
- 7. "Domesticating company" means the company that effects a domestication pursuant to sections 489.1010 through 66 14 489.1013.
- "Governing statute" means the statute that governs an 8. 66 16 organization's internal affairs.
- 9. "Organization" means a general partnership, including a 66 18 limited liability partnership, limited partnership, including 66 19 a limited liability limited partnership, limited liability 66 20 company, business trust, corporation, or any other person 66 21 having a governing statute. The term includes a domestic or  $66\ 22$  foreign organization regardless of whether organized for  $66\ 23$  profit.
  - "Organizational documents" means all of the following: 10.
- a. For a domestic or foreign general partnership, its 66 26 partnership agreement. 66 27 b. For a limited p
- b. For a limited partnership or foreign limited 66 28 partnership, its certificate of limited partnership and 66 29 partnership agreement.
- c. For a domestic or foreign limited liability company, 66 31 its certificate or articles of organization and operating 66 32 agreement, or comparable records as provided in its governing 66 33 statute.
- d. For a business trust, its agreement of trust and 66 35 declaration of trust.
  - e. For a domestic or foreign corporation for profit, its articles of incorporation, bylaws, and other agreements among 3 its shareholders which are authorized by its governing 4 statute, or comparable records as provided in its governing 5 statute.
  - f. For any other organization, the basic records that create the organization and determine its internal governance 8 and the relations among the persons that own it, have an
- 9 interest in it, or are members of it. 10 11. "Personal liability" means liability for a debt, 67 10 67 11 obligation, or other liability of an organization which is 67 12 imposed on a person that co-owns, has an interest in, or is a 67 13 member of the organization by any of the following:
- a. The governing statute solely by reason of the person 67 15 co=owning, having an interest in, or being a member of the 67 16 organization.
- b. The organization's organizational documents under a 67 18 provision of the governing statute authorizing those documents 67 19 to make one or more specified persons liable for all or 67 20 specified debts, obligations, or other liabilities of the 67 21 organization solely by reason of the person or persons 67 22 co=owning, having an interest in, or being a member of the 67 23 organization.
- "Surviving organization" means an organization into 67 24 12. 67 25 which one or more other organizations are merged whether the 67 26 organization preexisted the merger or was created by the 67 27 merger.
- Sec. 72. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1002 MERGER.

  1. A limited liability company may merge with one or more 67 29 67 30 other constituent organizations pursuant to this section, 67 31 sections 489.1003 through 489.1005, and a plan of merger, if

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a. The governing statute of each of the other

67 34 organizations authorizes the merger. 67 35 b. The merger is not prohibited b. The merger is not prohibited by the law of a jurisdiction that enacted any of the governing statutes.

c. Each of the other organizations complies with its governing statute in effecting the merger.

2. A plan of merger must be in a record and must include all of the following:

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- The name and form of each constituent organization.
  The name and form of the surviving organization and, if the surviving organization is to be created by the merger, a statement to that effect.
- $68\ 10$  c. The terms and conditions of the merger, including the  $68\ 11$  manner and basis for converting the interests in each 68 12 constituent organization into any combination of money, 68 13 interests in the surviving organization, and other 68 14 consideration.
- d. If the surviving organization is to be created by the 68 16 merger, the surviving organization's organizational documents that are proposed to be in a record.
- e. If the surviving organization is not to be created by 68 19 the merger, any amendments to be made by the merger to the 68 20 surviving organization's organizational documents that are, or 68 21 are proposed to be, in a record. are proposed to be, in a record. Sec. 73. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1

489.1003 ACTION ON PLAN OF MERGER 68 23 BY CONSTITUENT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

- 68 24 1. Subject to section 489.1014, a plan of merger must be 68 25 consented to by all the members of a constituent limited liability company.
- 68 27 2. Subject to section 489.1014 and any contractual rights, 68 28 after a merger is approved, and at any time before articles of 68 29 merger are delivered to the secretary of state for filing 68 30 under section 489.1004, a constituent limited liability company may amend the plan or abandon the merger as follows:
  - a. As provided in the plan.
- b. Except as otherwise prohibited in the plan, with the 68 34 same consent as was required to approve the plan.
  - NEW SECTION. 489.1004 FILINGS REQUIRED FOR Sec. 74. MERGER == EFFECTIVE DATE.
  - 1. After each constituent organization has approved a merger, articles of merger must be signed on behalf of all of the following:
  - a. Each constituent limited liability company, as provided in section 489.203, subsection 1.
  - b. Each other constituent organization, as provided in its governing statute.
- 2. Articles of merger under this section must include all 69 10 of the following:
- a. The name and form of each constituent organization and 69 12 the jurisdiction of its governing statute.
- b. The name and form of the surviving organization, the 69 14 jurisdiction of its governing statute, and, if the surviving 69 15 organization is created by the merger, a statement to that 69 16 effect.
  - c. The date the merger is effective under the governing statute of the surviving organization.
- d. If the surviving organization is to be created by the 69 20 merger as follows:
- (1) If it will be a limited liability company, the 69 22 company's certificate of organization.
- (2) If it will be an organization other than a limited 69 24 liability company, the organizational document that creates 69 25 the organization that is in a public record.
- 69 26 e. If the surviving organization preexists the merger, any 69 27 amendments provided for in the plan of merger for the 69 28 organizational document that created the organization that are 69 29 in a public record.
- f. A statement as to each constituent organization that 69 31 the merger was approved as required by the organization's
- 69 32 governing statute.
  69 33 g. If the surviving organization is a foreign organization 69 34 not authorized to transact business in this state, the street and mailing addresses of an office that the secretary of state may use for the purposes of section 489.1005, subsection 2.
  - h. Any additional information required by the governing statute of any constituent organization.
  - 3. Each constituent limited liability company shall deliver the articles of merger for filing in the office of the 5 secretary of state.
    - 4. A merger becomes effective under this article as

70 8 follows: 70 9 a. If the surviving organization is a limited liability 70 10 company, upon the later of any of the following: 70 11 (1) Compliance with subsection 3. (1) Compliance with subsection 3.
(2) Subject to section 489.205, subsection 3, as specified 70 12 70 13 in the articles of merger. 70 14 b. If the surviving organization is not a limited

70 15 liability company, as provided by the governing statute of the 70 16 surviving organization.

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70 17 489.1005 EFFECT OF MERGER. Sec. 75. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 70 18 1. When a merger becomes effective all of the following

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70 21 existence. b. Each constituent organization that merges into the 70 23 surviving organization ceases to exist as a separate entity.

c. All property owned by each constituent organization that ceases to exist vests in the surviving organization.

70 25 d. All debts, obligations, or other liabilities of each 70 27 constituent organization that ceases to exist continue as 70 28 debts, obligations, or other liabilities of the surviving 70 29 organization.

e. An action or proceeding pending by or against any 70 31 constituent organization that ceases to exist may be continued 70 32 as if the merger had not occurred.

Except as prohibited by other law, all of the rights, 70 34 privileges, immunities, powers, and purposes of each 70 35 constituent organization that ceases to exist vest in the surviving organization.

g. Except as otherwise provided in the plan of merger, the terms and conditions of the plan of merger take effect.

h. Except as otherwise agreed, if a constituent limited 5 liability company ceases to exist, the merger does not dissolve the limited liability company for the purposes of article 7.

i. If the surviving organization is created by the merger, any of the following applies:

If it is a limited liability company, the certificate (1)of organization becomes effective.

(2) If it is an organization other than a limited 71 13 liability company, the organizational document that creates 71 14 the organization becomes effective.

j. If the surviving organization preexisted the merger, 71 16 any amendments provided for in the articles of merger for the 71 17 organizational document that created the organization become 71 18 effective.

2. A surviving organization that is a foreign organization 71 20 consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state to 71 21 enforce any debt, obligation, or other liability owed by a 71 22 constituent organization, if before the merger the constituent 71 23 organization was subject to suit in this state on the debt, 71 24 obligation, or other liability. A surviving organization that 71 25 is a foreign organization and not authorized to transact 71 26 business in this state appoints the secretary of state as its 71 27 registered agent for service of process for the purposes of 71 28 enforcing a debt, obligation, or other liability under this 71 29 subsection. Service on the secretary of state under this 71 30 subsection must be made in the same manner and has the same 71 31 consequences as in section 489.116, subsections 3 and 4.

Sec. 76. NEW SECTION. 489.1006 CONVERSION. 1. An organization other than a limited liability company 34 or a foreign limited liability company may convert to a 71 35 limited liability company, and a limited liability company may convert to an organization other than a foreign limited liability company pursuant to this section, sections 489.1007 through 489.1009, and a plan of conversion, if all of the 4 following apply:

a. The other organization's governing statute authorizes the conversion.

- b. The conversion is not prohibited by the law of the jurisdiction that enacted the other organization's governing statute.
- c. The other organization complies with its governing 72 11 statute in effecting the conversion.
  - 2. A plan of conversion must be in a record and must include all of the following:
- The name and form of the organization before a. 72 15 conversion.
  - The name and form of the organization after conversion.
- 72 17 c. The terms and conditions of the conversion, including 72 18 the manner and basis for converting interests in the

72 19 converting organization into any combination of money, 72 20 interests in the converted organization, and other 72 21 consideration. 72 22 d. The org

d. The organizational documents of the converted 72 23 organization that are, or are proposed to be, in a record.

Sec. 77. NEW SECTION. 489.1007 ACTION ON PLAN OF 72 25 CONVERSION BY CONVERTING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

- 1. Subject to section 489.1014, a plan of conversion must 72 27 be consented to by all the members of a converting limited 72 28 liability company.
- 2. Subject to section 489.1014 and any contractual rights, 72 30 after a conversion is approved, and at any time before 72 31 articles of conversion are delivered to the secretary of state for filing under section 489.1008, a converting limited 72 33 liability company may amend the plan or abandon the conversion 72 34 as follows:

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- a. As provided in the plan.b. Except as otherwise prohibited in the plan, by the same consent as was required to approve the plan.
- Sec. 78. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1008 FILINGS REQUIRED FOR CONVERSION == EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 1. After a plan of conversion is approved, all of the following apply:
- a. A converting limited liability company shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of conversion, 9 which must be signed as provided in section 489.203, 73 10 subsection 1, and must include all of the following:
- (1) A statement that the limited liability company has 73 12 been converted into another organization.
- (2) The name and form of the organization and the 73 14 jurisdiction of its governing statute.
- (3) The date the conversion is effective under the 73 16 governing statute of the converted organization.
- (4) A statement that the conversion was approved as 73 18 required by this chapter.
- (5) A statement that the conversion was approved as 73 20 required by the governing statute of the converted 73 21 organization.
- (6) All documents required to be filed with the secretary 73 23 of state in accordance with the governing statute of the 73 24 converted organization to effectuate the conversion.
- (7) If the converted organization is a foreign 73 26 organization not authorized to transact business in this 73 27 state, the street and mailing addresses of an office which the 73 28 secretary of state may use for the purposes of section 73 29 489.1009, subsection 3.
- b. If the converting organization is not a converting 73 31 limited liability company, the converting organization shall 73 32 deliver to the secretary of state for filing a certificate of 73 33 organization, which must include, in addition to the 73 34 information required by section 489.201, subsection 2, all of 73 35 the following:
  - (1) A statement that the converted organization was converted from another organization.
  - The name and form of that converting organization and (2) the jurisdiction of its governing statute.
  - (3) A statement that the conversion was approved in a manner that complied with the converting organization's governing statute.
    - 2. A conversion becomes effective as follows:
- If the converted organization is a limited liability а. 74 10 company, when the certificate of organization takes effect.
- 74 11 If the converted organization is not a limited b. 74 12 liability company, as provided by the governing statute of the 74 13 converted organization. 74 14
  - Sec. 79. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1009 EFFECT OF CONVERSION.
  - 1. An organization that has been converted pursuant to this article is for all purposes the same entity that existed before the conversion.
  - 2. . When a conversion takes effect all of the following apply:
  - a. All property owned by the converting organization remains vested in the converted organization.
- b. All debts, obligations, or other liabilities of the 74 23 converting organization continue as debts, obligations, or 74 24 other liabilities of the converted organization.
- 74 25 An action or proceeding pending by or against the 74 26 converting organization may be continued as if the conversion 74 27 had not occurred.
- d. Except as prohibited by law other than this chapter, 74 29 all of the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, and

74 30 purposes of the converting organization remain vested in the 74 31 converted organization.

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- 74 32 e. Except as otherwise provided in the plan of conversion take 74 33 the terms and conditions of the plan of conversion take 74 34 effect. e. Except as otherwise provided in the plan of conversion,
  - f. Except as otherwise agreed, the conversion does not 1 dissolve a converting limited liability company for the 2 purposes of article 7.
- 3. A converted organization that is a foreign organization 4 consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state to 5 enforce any debt, obligation, or other liability for which the 6 converting limited liability company is liable if, before the conversion, the converting limited liability company was 8 subject to suit in this state on the debt, obligation, or 9 other liability. A converted organization that is a foreign 75 10 organization and not authorized to transact business in this 75 11 state appoints the secretary of state as its registered agent 75 12 for service of process for purposes of enforcing a debt, 75 13 obligation, or other liability under this subsection. Service 75 14 on the secretary of state under this subsection must be made 75 15 in the same manner and has the same consequences as in section 75 16 489.116, subsections 3 and 4.
- 75 17 Sec. 80. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1010 DOMESTICATION.
  75 18 1. A foreign limited liability company may become a
  75 19 limited liability company pursuant to this section, sections
  75 20 489.1011 through 489.1013, and a plan of domestication, if all

75 21 of the following apply:

The foreign limited liability company's governing a. 75 23 statute authorizes the domestication.

b. The domestication is not prohibited by the law of the 75 25 jurisdiction that enacted the governing statute.

c. The foreign limited liability company complies with its governing statute in effecting the domestication.

75 28 2. A limited liability company may become a foreign 75 29 limited liability company pursuant to this section, sections 75 30 489.1011 through 489.1013, and a plan of domestication, if all 75 31 of the following apply:

a. The foreign limited liability company's governing 75 33 statute authorizes the domestication.

- b. The domestication is not prohibited by the law of the jurisdiction that enacted the governing statute.
- c. The foreign limited liability company complies with its governing statute in effecting the domestication.
- 3. A plan of domestication must be in a record and must include all of the following:
   a. The name of the domesticating company before
- domestication and the jurisdiction of its governing statute.
- 7 b. The name of the domesticated company after 8 domestication and the jurisdiction of its governing statute.
- c. The terms and conditions of the domestication, 76 10 including the manner and basis for converting interests in the 76 11 domesticating company into any combination of money, interests 76 12 in the domesticated company, and other consideration.
- d. The organizational documents of the domesticated 76 14 company that are, or are proposed to be, in a record.
  76 15 Sec. 81. NEW SECTION. 489.1011 ACTION ON PLAN OF 76 16 DOMESTICATION BY DOMESTICATING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 1. A plan of domestication must be consented to as 76 18 follows:
- a. By all the members, subject to section 489.1014, if the 76 20 domesticating company is a limited liability company.
- b. As provided in the domesticating company's governing 76 22 statute, if the company is a foreign limited liability
- 76 23 company. 76 24 2. 3 Subject to any contractual rights, after a 76 25 domestication is approved, and at any time before articles of 76 26 domestication are delivered to the secretary of state for 76 27 76 28 filing under section 489.1012, a domesticating limited liability company may amend the plan or abandon the 76 29 domestication as follows:
- a. As provided in the plan.b. Except as otherwise prohibited in the plan, by the same 76 32 consent as was required to approve the plan.

489.1012 FILINGS REQUIRED FOR Sec. 82. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 34 DOMESTICATION == EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 76 35 1. After a plan of domestication is approved, a domesticating company shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of domestication, which must include all of the following:
  - a. A statement, as the case may be, that the company has 5 been domesticated from or into another jurisdiction.

The name of the domesticating company and the jurisdiction of its governing statute. 8

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  d. The date the domestication is effective under the 77 10 77 11 governing statute of the domesticated company.
- e. If the domesticating company was a limited liability 77 12 77 13 company, a statement that the domestication was approved as 77 14 required by this chapter.
- 77 15 If the domesticating company was a foreign limited f. 77 16 liability company, a statement that the domestication was 77 17 approved as required by the governing statute of the other 77 18 jurisdiction.
- 77 19 If the domesticated company was a foreign limited a. 77 20 liability company not authorized to transact business in this 77 21 state, the street and mailing addresses of an office that the 77 22 secretary of state may use for the purposes of section 77 23 489.1013, subsection 2.
  - 2. A domestication becomes effective as follows:
- 77 25 a. When the certificate or organization cases cliff, 77 26 the domesticated company is a limited liability company.
  77 27 b. According to the governing statute of the domesticated organization is a foreign limited 77 28 company, if the domesticated organization is a foreign limited 77 29 liability company.
  - Sec. 83. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1013 EFFECT OF DOMESTICATION.
- 1. When a domestication takes effect, all of the following 77 32 apply: 77 33 a.
- a. The domesticated company is for all purposes the 77 34 company that existed before the domestication.
  - b. All property owned by the domesticating company remains vested in the domesticated company.
  - c. All debts, obligations, or other liabilities of the 3 domesticating company continue as debts, obligations, or other 4 liabilities of the domesticated company.
  - An action or proceeding pending by or against a 6 domesticating company may be continued as if the domestication 7 had not occurred.
- Except as prohibited by other law, all of the rights, 9 privileges, immunities, powers, and purposes of the 78 10 domesticating company remain vested in the domesticated 78 11 company.
- f. Except as otherwise provided in the plan of 78 13 domestication, the terms and conditions of the plan of 78 14 domestication take effect.
- 78 15 g. Except as otherwise agreed, the domestication does not 78 16 dissolve a domesticating limited liability company for the 78 17 purposes of article 7.
- 78 18 2. A domesticated company that is a foreign limited 78 19 liability company consents to the jurisdiction of the courts 78 20 of this state to enforce any debt, obligation, or other 78 21 liability owed by the domesticating company, if, before the 78 22 domestication, the domesticating company was subject to suit 78 23 in this state on the debt, obligation, or other liability. 78 24 domesticated company that is a foreign limited liability 78 25 company and not authorized to transact business in this state 78 26 appoints the secretary of state as its registered agent for 78 27 service of process for purposes of enforcing a debt, 78 28 obligation, or other liability under this subsection. Service 78 29 on the secretary of state under this subsection must be made 78 30 in the same manner and has the same consequences as in section 78 31 489.116, subsections 3 and 4.
- 78 32 3. If a limited liability company has adopted and approved 78 33 a plan of domestication under section 489.1010 providing for 78 34 the company to be domesticated in a foreign jurisdiction, a 35 statement surrendering the company's certificate of organization must be delivered to the secretary of state for filing setting forth all of the following:

  - a. The name of the company.b. A statement that the certificate of organization is being surrendered in connection with the domestication of the company in a foreign jurisdiction.
  - A statement the domestication was approved as required by this chapter. 8
    - d. The jurisdiction of formation of the domesticated
- 79 10 foreign limited liability company. 79 11 Sec. 84. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1014 RESTRICTIONS ON APPROVAL 79 12 OF MERGERS, CONVERSIONS, AND DOMESTICATIONS.
- 79 13 1. If a member of a constituent, converting, or 79 14 domesticating limited liability company will have personal
- 79 15 liability with respect to a surviving, converted, or
- 79 16 domesticated organization, approval or amendment of a plan of

79 17 merger, conversion, or domestication is ineffective without 79 18 the consent of the member, unless all of the following apply:

- $79\ 19$  a. The company's operating agreement provides for approva  $79\ 20$  of a merger, conversion, or domestication with the consent of a. The company's operating agreement provides for approval 79 21 fewer than all the members.
- b. The member has consented to the provision of the 79 23 operating agreement.

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2. A member does not give the consent required by 79 25 subsection 1 merely by consenting to a provision of the 79 26 operating agreement that permits the operating agreement to be 79 27 amended with the consent of fewer than all the members.

NEW SECTION. 489.1015 MERGER OF DOMESTIC Sec. 85. 79 29 COOPERATIVE INTO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

- 79 30 1. A limited liability company may merge with a domestic 79 31 cooperative only as provided by this section. A limited 79 32 liability company may merge with one or more domestic 79 33 cooperatives if all of the following apply:
- a. Only one limited liability company and one or more 79 35 domestic cooperatives are parties to the merger.
  - b. When the merger becomes effective, the separate existence of each domestic cooperative ceases and the limited liability company is the surviving entity per organization.
  - c. As to each domestic cooperative, the plan of merger is initiated and adopted, and the merger is effectuated, as provided in section 501A.1101.
- d. As to the limited liability company, the plan of merger complies with section 489.1002, the plan of merger is approved as provided in section 489.1003, and the articles of merger are prepared, signed, and filed as provided in section 8 80 10 489.1004.
  - e. Notwithstanding section 489.1002 or 489.1005, the surviving organization must be the limited liability company.
- 2. Section 501A.1103 governs the abandonment by a domestic 80 15 cooperative of a merger authorized by this section. Section 489.1003, subsection 2, governs the abandonment by a limited 80 17 liability company of a merger authorized by this section.

Sec. 86. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1016 ARTICLE NOT EXCLUSIVE. This article does not preclude an entity from being merged, 80 20 converted, or domesticated under law other than this chapter. ARTICLE 11

PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES Sec. 87. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1101 DEFINITIONS. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise 80 25 requires:

- 1. "Employee" or "agent" does not include a clerk, 80 27 stenographer, secretary, bookkeeper, technician, or other 80 28 person who is not usually and ordinarily considered by custom 80 29 and practice to be practicing a profession nor any other 80 30 person who performs all that person's duties for the 80 31 professional limited liability company under the direct 80 32 supervision and control of one or more managers, employees, or 80 33 agents of the professional limited liability company who are 80 34 duly licensed in this state to practice a profession which the 80 35 limited liability company is authorized to practice in this This article does not require any such persons to be state. licensed to practice a profession if they are not required to 3 be licensed under any other law of this state.
  - "Foreign professional limited liability company" means 5 a limited liability company organized under laws other than the laws of this state for a purpose for which a professional 7
- limited liability company may be organized under this article.
  3. "Licensed" includes registered, certified, admitted to practice, or otherwise legally authorized under the laws of 81 10 this state.
- "Profession" means the profession of certified public 81 12 accountancy, architecture, chiropractic, dentistry, physical 81 13 therapy, psychology, professional engineering, land surveying, 81 14 landscape architecture, law, medicine and surgery, optometry, 81 15 osteopathy, osteopathic medicine and surgery, accounting 81 16 practitioner, podiatry, real estate brokerage, speech 81 17 pathology, audiology, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, nursing, 81 18 or marriage and family therapy, provided that the marriage and 81 19 family therapist is licensed under chapters 147 and 154D.
- "Professional limited liability company" means a 81 20 5. 81 21 limited liability company subject to this article, except a 81 22 foreign professional limited liability company.
- 81 23 "Regulating board" means any board, commission, court, 81 24 or governmental authority which, under the laws of this state, 81 25 is charged with the licensing, registration, certification, 81 26 admission to practice, or other legal authorization of the 81 27 practitioners of any profession.

7. a. 81 28 "Voluntary transfer" includes a sale, voluntary 81 29 assignment, gift, pledge, or encumbrance; a voluntary change 81 30 of legal or equitable ownership or beneficial interest; or a 81 31 voluntary change of persons having voting rights with respect 81 32 to any transferable interest, except as proxies. 81 33 b. "Voluntary transfer" does not include a transfer of an 34 individual's interest in a limited liability company or other 81

81 35 property to a guardian or conservator appointed for that individual or the individual's property. Sec. 88. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1102 PURPOSES AND POWERS. A professional limited liability company shall be organized only for the purpose of engaging in the practice of one specific profession, or two or more specific professions which could lawfully be practiced in combination by a licensed individual or a partnership of licensed individuals, and for the additional purpose of doing all lawful things which may be

incidental to or necessary or convenient in connection with 82 10 the practice of the profession or professions. The 82 11 certificate of organization of a professional limited 82 12 liability company shall state in substance that the purposes 82 13 for which the professional limited liability company is 82 14 organized are to engage in the general practice of a specified 82 15 profession or professions, or one or more specified branches 82 16 or divisions thereof, and to do all lawful things which may be

incidental to or necessary or convenient in connection with 82 18 the practice of the profession or professions. Sec. 89. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1103 NAME.

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The name of a professional limited liability company, the 82 21 name of a foreign professional limited liability company or 82 22 its name as modified for use in this state, and any fictitious 82 23 name or trade name adopted by a professional limited liability 82 24 company or foreign professional limited liability company 82 25 shall contain the words "professional limited liability 82 26 company" or the abbreviation "P.L.L.C." or "PLLC", and except 82 27 for the addition of such words or abbreviation, shall be a 82 28 name which could lawfully be used by a licensed individual or 82 29 by a partnership of licensed individuals in the practice in 82 30 this state of a profession which the professional limited 82 31 liability company is authorized to practice. Each regulating 82 32 board may by rule adopt additional requirements as to the 82 33 corporate names and fictitious or trade names of professional 82 34 limited liability companies and foreign professional limited 82 35 liability companies which are authorized to practice a 1 profession which is within the jurisdiction of the regulating 2. board.

Sec. 90. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1104 WHO MAY ORGANIZE. One or more individuals having capacity to contract and 5 licensed to practice a profession in this state in which the 6 professional limited liability company is to be authorized to 7 practice, may organize a professional limited liability 8 company.

Sec. 91. NEW SECTION. 489.1105 PRACTICE BY PROFESSIONAL 83 10 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

83 11 Notwithstanding any other statute or rule of law, a 83 12 professional limited liability company may practice a 83 13 profession, but may do so in this state only through a member, 83 14 manager, employee, or agent, who is licensed to practice the 83 15 same profession in this state. In its practice of a 83 16 profession, a professional limited liability company shall not 83 17 do any act which could not lawfully be done by an individual 83 18 83 19 licensed to practice the profession which the professional limited liability company is authorized to practice.

489.1106 PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.

Sec. 92. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1106 PROFESSIONAL REGULA' A professional limited liability company shall not be 83 22 required to register with or to obtain any license, 83 23 registration, certificate, or other legal authorization from a 83 24 regulating board in order to practice a profession. Except as 83 25 provided in this section, this article does not restrict or 83 26 limit in any manner the authority or duties of any regulating 83 27 board with respect to individuals practicing a profession 83 28 which is within the jurisdiction of the regulating board, even 83 29 if the individual is a member, manager, employee, or agent of 83 30 a professional limited liability company or foreign 83 31 professional limited liability company and practices the 83 32 individual's profession through such professional limited 83 33 liability company.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 93. 489.1107 RELATIONSHIP AND 83 35 LIABILITY TO PERSONS SERVED.

84 This article does not modify any law applicable to the 2 relationship between an individual practicing a profession and 84 3 a person receiving professional services, including but not

4 limited to any liability arising out of such practice or any 5 law respecting privileged communications. This article does 6 not modify or affect the ethical standards or standards of 7 conduct of any profession, including but not limited to any 8 standards prohibiting or limiting the practice of the 9 profession by a limited liability company or prohibiting or 84 10 limiting the practice of two or more professions in 84 11 combination. All such standards shall apply to the members, 84 12 managers, employees, and agents through whom a professional 84 13 limited liability company practices any profession in this 84 14 state, to the same extent that the standards apply to an 84 15 individual practitioner. 84 16

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Sec. 94. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1108 ISSUANCE OF INTERESTS. 84 17 An interest of a professional limited liability company 84 18 shall be issued only to an individual who is licensed to 84 19 practice in any state a profession which the professional 84 20 limited liability company is authorized to practice. 84 21 Interests of a professional limited liability company shall 84 22 not at any time be issued in, transferred into, or held in 84 23 joint tenancy, tenancy in common, or any other form of joint 84 24 ownership or co=ownership. Chapter 502 shall not be 84 25 applicable to nor govern any transaction relating to any 84 26 interests of a professional limited liability company.

Sec. 95. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1109 ASSIGNMENT OF INTERESTS. A member or other person shall not make a voluntary 84 29 assignment of an interest in a professional limited liability 84 30 company to any person, except to the professional limited 84 31 liability company or to an individual who is licensed to 84 32 practice in this state a profession which the limited 84 33 liability company is authorized to practice. The certificate 84 34 of organization or operating agreement of the professional 84 35 limited liability company may contain any additional 1 provisions restricting the assignment of interests. the certificate of organization or an operating agreement otherwise provides, a voluntary assignment requires the 4 unanimous consent of the members.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 96. 489.1110 CONVERTIBLE INTERESTS == 6 RIGHTS AND OPTIONS.

A professional limited liability company shall not create 8 or issue any interest convertible into an interest of the 9 professional limited liability company. The provisions of 85 10 this article with respect to the issuance and transfer of 85 11 interests apply to the creation, issuance, and transfer of any 85 12 right or option entitling the holder to purchase from a 85 13 professional limited liability company any interest of the 85 14 professional limited liability company. A right or option 85 15 shall not be transferable, whether voluntarily, involuntarily, 85 16 by operation of law, or in any other manner. Upon the death 85 17 of the holder, or when the holder ceases to be licensed to 85 18 practice a profession in this state which the professional 85 19 limited liability company is authorized to practice, the right 85 20 or option shall expire.

Sec. 97. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1111 VOTING TRUST == PROXY. A member of a professional limited liability company shall 85 23 not create or enter into a voting trust or any other agreement 85 24 conferring upon any other person the right to vote or 85 25 otherwise represent any interests of a professional limited 85 26 liability company, and no such voting trust or agreement is 85 27 valid or effective. Any proxy of a member of a professional 85 28 limited liability company shall be an individual licensed to 85 29 practice a profession in this state which the professional 85 30 limited liability company is authorized to practice. 85 31 provision in any proxy instrument denying the right of the 85 32 member to revoke the proxy at any time or for any period of 85 33 time is not valid or effective. This section does not 85 34 otherwise limit the right of a member to vote by proxy, but 85 35 the certificate of organization or operating agreement of the professional limited liability company may further limit or 2 deny the right to vote by proxy.

3 Sec. 98. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1112 REQUIRED PURCHASE BY 4 PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OF ITS OWN INTERESTS.

- 5 1. Notwithstanding any other statute or rule of law, a 6 professional limited liability company shall purchase its own interests as provided in this section; and a member of a 8 professional limited liability company and the member's 9 executor, administrator, legal representative, and successors 86 10 in interest, shall sell and transfer the interests held by 86 11 them as provided in this section.
- Upon the death of a member, the professional limited 86 12 86 13 liability company shall immediately purchase all interests 86 14 held by the deceased member.

In order to remain a member of a professional limited 86 16 liability company, the member shall at all times be licensed 86 17 to practice in this state a profession which the professional 86 18 limited liability company is authorized to practice. 86 19 member does not have or ceases to have this qualification, the 86 20 professional limited liability company shall immediately

86 21 purchase all interests held by that member. 86 22 4. When a person other than a member of 4. When a person other than a member of record becomes 86 23 entitled to have interests of a professional limited liability 86 24 company transferred into that person's name or to exercise 86 25 voting rights, except as a proxy, with respect to interests of 86 26 the professional limited liability company, the professional 86 27 limited liability company shall immediately purchase the 86 28 interests. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, 86 29 this section shall be applicable whether the event occurs as a 86 30 result of appointment of a guardian or conservator for a 86 31 member or the member's property, transfer of interests by 86 32 operation of law, involuntary transfer of interests, judicial 86 33 proceeding, execution, levy, bankruptcy proceeding, 86 34 receivership proceeding, foreclosure or enforcement of a 86 35 pledge or encumbrance, or any other situation or occurrence. 87 1 However, this section does not apply to any voluntary transfer 2 of interests as defined in this article.

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5. Interests purchased by a professional limited liability 4 company under this section shall be transferred to the 5 professional limited liability company as of the close of 6 business on the date of the death or other event which requires purchase. The member and the member's executors, 8 administrators, legal representatives, or successors in 9 interest, shall promptly do all things which may be necessary 87 10 or convenient to cause transfer to be made as of the transfer 87 11 date. However, the interests shall promptly be transferred on 87 12 the books and records of the professional limited liability 87 13 company as of the transfer date, notwithstanding any delay in 87 14 transferring or surrendering the interests or certificates 87 15 representing the interests, and the transfer shall be valid 87 16 and effective for all purposes as of the close of business on 87 17 the transfer date. The purchase price for such interests 87 18 shall be paid as provided in this article, but the transfer of 87 19 interests to the professional limited liability company as 87 20 provided in this section shall not be delayed or affected by 87 21 any delay or default in making payment.

6. Notwithstanding subsections 1 through 5, purchase by 87 23 the professional limited liability company is not required 87 24 upon the occurrence of any event other than death of a member, 87 25 if the professional limited liability company is dissolved 87 26 within sixty days after the occurrence of the event. The 87 27 certificate of organization or operating agreement of the 87 28 professional limited liability company may provide that 87 29 purchase is not required upon the death of a member, if the 87 30 professional limited liability company is dissolved within 87 31 sixty days after the date of the member's death.

87 32 7. Unless otherwise provided in the certificate of 87 33 organization or an operating agreement of the professional 87 34 limited liability company or in an agreement among all members 87 35 of the professional limited liability company, all of the following apply:

a. The purchase price for interests shall be its book value as of the end of the month immediately preceding the 4 death or other event which requires purchase. Book value 5 shall be determined from the books and records of the 6 professional limited liability company in accordance with the regular method of accounting used by the professional limited 8 liability company, uniformly and consistently applied. Adjustments to book value shall be made, if necessary, to take into account work in process and accounts receivable. A final 88 10 into account work in process and accounts receivable. 88 11 determination of book value made in good faith by an 88 12 independent certified public accountant or firm of certified 88 13 public accountants employed by the professional limited 88 14 liability company for the purpose shall be conclusive on all 88 15 persons.

The purchase price shall be paid in cash as follows: (1) Upon the death of a member, thirty percent of the 88 18 purchase price shall be paid within ninety days after death, 88 19 and the balance shall be paid in three equal annual 88 20 installments on the first three anniversaries of the death.

88 21 (2) Upon the happening of any other event referred to in 88 22 this section, one=tenth of the purchase price shall be paid 88 23 within ninety days after the date of the event, and the 88 24 balance shall be paid in three equal annual installments on 88 25 the first three anniversaries of the date of the event.

88 26 Interest from the date of death or other event shall be 88 27 payable annually on principal payment dates, at the rate of 88 28 six percent per annum on the unpaid balance of the purchase 88 29 price. 88 30

All persons who are members of the professional limited d. 88 31 liability company on the date of death or other event, and 88 32 their executors, administrators, and legal representatives, 88 33 shall, to the extent the professional limited liability 88 34 company fails to meet its obligations under this section, be 88 35 jointly liable for the payment of the purchase price and interest in proportion to their percentage of ownership of the 2 professional limited liability company's interests, 3 disregarding interests of the deceased or withdrawing member.

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4 e. The part of the purchase price remaining unpaid after 5 the initial payment shall be evidenced by a negotiable 6 promissory note, which shall be executed by the professional limited liability company and all members liable for payment. 8 Any person liable on the note shall have the right to prepay 9 the note in full or in part at any time.

f. If the person making any payment is not reasonably able 89 11 to determine which of two or more persons is entitled to 89 12 receive a payment, or if the payment is payable to a person 89 13 who is unknown, or who is under disability and there is no 89 14 person legally competent to receive the payment, or who cannot 89 15 be found after the exercise of reasonable diligence by the 89 16 person making the payment, it shall be deposited with the 89 17 treasurer of state and shall be subject to the provisions of 89 18 section 490.1440 with respect to funds deposited with the 89 19 treasurer of state upon the voluntary or involuntary 89 20 dissolution of a business corporation.

8. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, 89 22 no part of the purchase price shall be required to be paid 89 23 until the certificates, if any, representing the interests 89 24 have been surrendered to the professional limited liability 89 25 company.

89 26 9. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, 89 27 payment of any part of the purchase price for interests of a 89 28 deceased member shall not be required until the executor or 89 29 administrator of the deceased member provides any indemnity, 89 30 release, or other document from any taxing authority, which is 89 31 reasonably necessary to protect the professional limited 89 32 liability company against liability for estate, inheritance, 89 33 and death taxes. 89 34

10. The certificate of organization or an operating 89 35 agreement of the professional limited liability company or an 1 agreement among all members of a professional limited 2 liability company may provide for a different purchase price, 3 a different method of determining the purchase price, a 4 different interest rate or no interest, and other terms, 5 conditions, and schedules of payment.

The certificate of organization or an operating 11. 7 agreement of the professional limited liability company or an 8 agreement among all members of a professional limited 9 liability company may provide for the optional or mandatory 90 10 purchase of its own interests by the professional limited 90 11 liability company in other situations, subject to any 90 12 applicable law regarding such a purchase.

NEW SECTION. 489.1113 CERTIFICATES REPRESENTING Sec. 99. 90 14 INTERESTS.

Each certificate representing an interest of a professional 90 16 limited liability company shall state in substance that the certificate represents an interest in a professional limited 90 18 liability company and is not transferable except as expressly 90 19 provided in this article and in the certificate of 90 20 organization or an operating agreement of the professional 90 21 limited liability company.

Sec. 100. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1114 MANAGEMENT.

90 23 All managers of a professional limited liability company 90 24 shall at all times be individuals who are licensed to practice 90 25 a profession in this state which the limited liability company 90 26 is authorized to practice. A person who is not licensed shall 90 27 have no authority or duties in the management or control of 90 28 the professional limited liability company. If a manager 90 29 ceases to have this qualification, the manager shall 30 immediately and automatically cease to hold such management 90 31 position.

90 32 Sec. 101. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1115 MERGER. 90 33 A professional limited liability company shall not merge 90 34 with any entity except another professional limited liability 90 35 company subject to this article or a professional corporation 1 subject to chapter 496C. Merger is not permitted unless the

2 surviving or new professional limited liability company is a 3 professional limited liability company which complies with all 4 requirements of this article.

NEW SECTION. 489.1116 DISSOLUTION OR Sec. 102. LIQUIDATION.

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6 A violation of any provision of this article by a professional limited liability company or any of its members or managers shall be cause for its involuntary dissolution, or 8 91 10 liquidation of its assets and business by the district court. 91 11 Upon the death of the last remaining member of a professional 91 12 limited liability company, or when the last remaining member 91 13 is not licensed or ceases to be licensed to practice a 91 14 profession in this state which the professional limited 91 15 liability company is authorized to practice, or when any 91 16 person other than the member of record becomes entitled to 91 17 have all interests of the last remaining member of the 91 18 professional limited liability company transferred into that 91 19 person's name or to exercise voting rights, except as a proxy, 91 20 with respect to such interests, the professional limited 91 21 liability company shall not practice any profession and it However, if prior to dissolution 22 shall be promptly dissolved. 91 23 all outstanding interests of the professional limited 91 24 liability company are acquired by two or more persons licensed 91 25 to practice a profession in this state which the professional 91 26 limited liability company is authorized to practice, the 91 27 professional limited liability company need not be dissolved 91 28 and may practice the profession as provided in this article. 91 29 Sec. 103. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1117 FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL

91 30 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

1. A foreign professional limited liability company may 32 practice a profession in this state if it complies with the 91 33 provisions of this article. The secretary of state may 91 34 prescribe forms for this purpose. A foreign professional 91 35 limited liability company may practice a profession in this state only through members, managers, employees, and agents 2 who are licensed to practice the profession in this state. 3 The provisions of this article with respect to the practice of 4 a profession by a professional limited liability company apply 5 to a foreign professional limited liability company.

2. This article does not prohibit the practice of a 7 profession in this state by an individual who is a member, 8 manager, employee, or agent of a foreign professional limited 92 9 liability company, if the individual could lawfully practice 92 10 the profession in this state in the absence of any 92 11 relationship to a foreign professional limited liability 92 12 company. This subsection applies regardless of whether or not 92 13 the foreign professional limited liability company is 92 14 authorized to practice a profession in this state.

92 15 Sec. 104. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1118 LIMITED LIABILITY 92 16 COMPANIES ORGANIZED UNDER THE OTHER LAWS.

This article does not apply to or interfere with the 92 18 practice of any profession by or through any professional 92 19 limited liability company organized after July 1, 1992, under 92 20 any other law of this state or any other state or country, if 92 21 the practice is lawful under any other statute or rule of law 92 22 of this state. Any such professional limited liability 92 23 company may voluntarily elect to adopt this article and become 92 24 subject to its provisions, by amending its certificate of 92 25 organization to be consistent with all provisions of this 92 26 article and by stating in its amended certificate of 92 27 organization that the limited liability company has 92 28 voluntarily elected to adopt this article. Any limited 92 29 liability company organized under any law of any other state 92 30 or country may become subject to the provisions of this 92 31 article by complying with all provisions of this article with 92 32 respect to foreign professional limited liability companies.

Sec. 105. NEW SECTION. 489.1119 CONFLICTS WITH OTHER 92 34 PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

The provisions of this article shall prevail over any inconsistent provisions of this chapter. ARTICLE 12

SERIES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

Sec. 106. NEW SECTION. 489.1201 SERIES OF TRANSFERABLE INTERESTS.

An operating agreement may establish or provide for the establishment of a designated series of transferable interests 8 having separate rights, powers, or duties with respect to specified property or obligations of the limited liability 9 93 10 company or profits and losses associated with specified 93 11 property or obligations, and, to the extent provided in the 93 12 operating agreement, any such series may have a separate

93 13 business purpose or investment objective. The name of each 93 14 series must contain the name of the limited liability company 93 15 and be distinguishable from the name of any other series set 93 16 forth in the certificate of organization.

- 93 17 2. Notwithstanding contrary provisions of this chapter, 93 18 the debts, liabilities, and obligations incurred, contracted 93 19 for, or otherwise existing with respect to a particular series 93 20 shall be enforceable against the assets of that series only, 93 21 and not against the assets of the limited liability company 93 22 generally, if all of the following apply:
  - The operating agreement creates one or more series.

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- b. Separate and distinct records are maintained for that 93 25 series and separate and distinct records account for the 93 26 assets associated with that series. The assets associated 93 27 with a series must be accounted for separately from the other 93 28 assets of the limited liability company, including another
- 93 29 series. 93 30 c. The operating agreement provides for such limitation on liabilities.
- d. Notice of the establishment of the series and of the 93 33 limitation on liabilities of the series is set forth in the 93 34 certificate of organization of the limited liability company. 93 35 The filing of the certificate of organization containing a 1 notice of the limitation on liabilities of a series in the 2 office of the secretary of state constitutes notice of the limitation on liabilities of such series.
  - A series meeting all of the conditions of subsection 2, 3. shall be treated as a separate entity to the extent set forth in the certificate of organization.
  - Notwithstanding section 489.304, or a contrary provision in an operating agreement, a member or manager may agree to be obligated personally for any or all of the debts, obligations, or liabilities of one or more series.
- 5. An operating agreement may provide for classes or 94 12 groups of members or managers associated with a series having 94 13 such relative rights, powers, and duties as the operating 94 14 agreement may provide. The operating agreement may provide 94 15 for the future creation of additional classes or groups of 94 16 members or managers associated with the series having such 94 17 relative rights, powers, and duties as may from time to time 94 18 be established, including rights, powers, and duties senior to 94 19 existing classes and groups of members or managers associated 94 20 with the series. An operating agreement may provide for the 94 21 taking of an action, including the amendment of the operating 94 22 agreement, without the vote or approval of any member or 94 23 manager or class or group of members or managers, including 94 24 all action to create under the provisions of the operating 94 25 agreement a class or group of the series of membership 94 26 interests that was not previously outstanding. An operating 94 27 agreement may provide that any member or class or group of 94 28 members associated with a series does not have voting rights.
- 6. An operating agreement may grant to all or certain 94 30 identified members or managers or a specified class or group 94 31 of the members or managers associated with a series the right 94 32 to vote on any matter separately or with all or any class or 94 33 group of the members or managers associated with the series. 94 34 Voting by members or managers associated with a series may be 94 35 on a per capita, number, financial interest, class, group, or other basis.
  - Except to the extent modified by this article, the provisions of this chapter which are generally applicable to a limited liability company, and its managers, members and transferees, shall be applicable to each series with respect to the operations of such series
    - Sec. 107. NEW SECTION. 489.1202 MANAGEMENT OF A SERIES.
  - 1. A series is member=managed unless the operating agreement does any of the following:

    - a. Expressly provides any of the following:(1) The series is or will be "manager=managed".
    - The series is or will be "managed by managers". (2)
- 95 13 (3) Management of the series is or will be "vested in 95 14 managers".
  - b. Includes words of similar import.
- In a member=managed series, unless modified pursuant to 2. 95 17 section 489.1201, subsections 5 and 6, all of the following 95 18 rules apply:
- a. The management and conduct of the series are vested in 95 20 the members of the series.
- 95 21 b. Each series member has equal rights in the management 95 22 and conduct of the series' activities.
  - c. A difference arising among series members as to a

95 24 matter in the ordinary course of the activities of the series 95 25 may be decided by a majority of the series members.

95 26 d. An act outside the ordinary course of the activity 95 27 the series may be undertaken only with the consent of all 95 28 members of the series. d. An act outside the ordinary course of the activities of

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- e. The operating agreement may be amended only with the 95 30 consent of all members of the series.
- 3. In a manager=managed series, all of the following rules 95 32 apply:
- 95 33 a. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, 95 34 any matter relating to the activities of the series is decided 95 35 exclusively by the managers of the series.
  - b. Each series manager has equal rights in the management and conduct of the activities of the series.
  - c. A difference arising among managers of a series as to a matter in the ordinary course of the activities of the series may be decided by a majority of the managers of the series.
  - d. Unless modified pursuant to section 489.1201, subsections 5 and 6, the consent of all members of the series is required to do any of the following:
- (1) Sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all, or substantially all, of the series' property, with or without 96 10 96 11 the goodwill, outside the ordinary course of the series 96 12 activities.
- (2) Approve a merger, conversion, or domestication under 96 14 article 10.
  - (3) Undertake any other act outside the ordinary course of the series' activities.
- (4) Amend the operating agreement as it pertains to the 96 18 series.
- e. A manager of the series may be chosen at any time by 96 20 the consent of a majority of the members of the series and 96 21 remains a manager of the series until a successor has been 96 22 chosen, unless the series manager at an earlier time resigns, 96 23 is removed, or dies, or, in the case of a series manager that 96 24 is not an individual, terminates. A series manager may be 96 25 removed at any time by the consent of a majority of the 96 26 members without notice or cause. 96 27
- f. A person need not be a series member to be a manager of 96 28 a series, but the dissociation of a series member that is also 96 29 a series manager removes the person as a manager of the 96 30 series. If a person that is both a series manager and a 96 31 series member ceases to be a manager of the series, that  $96\ 32$  cessation does not by itself dissociate the person as a member 96 33 of the series.
- q. A person's ceasing to be a series manager does not 96 35 discharge any debt, obligation, or other liability to the series or members of the series which the person incurred 2 while a manager of the series.
  - 4. An action requiring the consent of members of a series  $4\ \mbox{under}$  this chapter may be taken without a meeting, and a 5 member of a series may appoint a proxy or other agent to 6 consent or otherwise act for the series member by signing an appointing record, personally or by the series member's agent. 7
- 8 The dissolution of a series does not affect the 9 applicability of this section. However, a person that 97 10 wrongfully causes dissolution of the series loses the right to 97 11 participate in management as a series member and a series 97 12 manager.
- 97 13 6. This chapter does not entitle a series member of a 97 14 series to remuneration for services performed for a 97 15 member=managed series, except for reasonable compensation for 97 16 services rendered in winding up the activities of the series. 97 17
- Sec. 108. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1203 SERIES DISTRIBUTIONS. 97 18 1. Any distribution made by a series before its 97 19 dissolution and winding up must be in equal shares among the
- 97 20 series members and dissociated series members, except to the 97 21 extent necessary to comply with any transfer effective under 97 22 section 489.502 and any charging order in effect under section 97 23 489.503. 97 24
- 2. A person has a right to a distribution before the 97 25 dissolution and winding up of a series only if the series 97 26 decides to make an interim distribution. A person's 97 27 dissociation does not entitle the person to a distribution.
- 97 2.8 3. A person does not have a right to demand or receive a 29 distribution from a series in any form other than money. 97 97 30 Except as otherwise provided in section 489.708, subsection 3, 97 31 a series may distribute an asset in kind if each part of the 97 32 asset is fungible with each other part and each person 97 33 receives a percentage of the asset equal in value to the 97 34 person's share of distributions.

If a series member or transferee becomes entitled to 1 receive a distribution, the series member or transferee has 2 the status of, and is entitled to all remedies available to, a creditor of the series with respect to the distribution.

5. a. A series shall not make a distribution if after the

distribution any of the following occurs:

(1) The series would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the ordinary course of the series' activities.

(2) The series' total assets would be less than the sum of 9 its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed, if 98 10 the series were to be dissolved, wound up, and terminated at 98 11 the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential 98 12 rights upon dissolution, winding up, and termination of 98 13 members whose preferential rights are superior to those of 98 14 persons receiving the distribution. 98 15

b. As used in paragraph "a", "distribution" does not 98 16 include amounts constituting reasonable compensation for 98 17 present or past services or reasonable payments made in the 98 18 ordinary course of business under a bona fide retirement plan

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- 98 20 6. A series may base a determination that a distribution 98 21 is not prohibited under subsection 1 on financial statements 98 22 prepared on the basis of accounting practices and principles 98 23 that are reasonable in the circumstances or on a fair 98 24 valuation or other method that is reasonable under the 98 25 circumstances. 98 26
- 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, the 98 27 effect of a distribution under subsection 1 is measured as 98 28 follows:
- In the case of a distribution by purchase, redemption, 98 30 or other acquisition of a transferable interest in the series, 98 31 as of the date money or other property is transferred or debt 98 32 incurred by the series.
  - b. In all other cases, as of the date when one of the following occurs:
  - (1) The distribution is authorized, if the payment occurs within one hundred twenty days after that date.
  - (2) The payment is made, if the payment occurs more than one hundred twenty days after the distribution is authorized.
  - 8. A series' indebtedness to a series member incurred by reason of a distribution made in accordance with this section is at parity with the series' indebtedness to its general, unsecured creditors.
- 9. A series' indebtedness, including indebtedness issued in connection with or as part of a distribution, is not a 99 10 liability for purposes of subsection 5 if the terms of the 99 11 indebtedness provide that payment of principal and interest 99 12 are made only to the extent that a distribution could be made 99 13 to members of the series under this section. If such 99 14 indebtedness is issued as a distribution, each payment of 99 15 principal or interest on the indebtedness is treated as a 99 16 distribution, the effect of which is measured on the date the 99 17 payment is made.
- 99 18 99 18 10. a. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph "b", if 99 19 a member of a member=managed series or manager of a 99 20 manager=managed series consents to a distribution made in 99 21 violation of this section and in consenting to the 99 22 distribution fails to comply with section 489.409, the member 99 23 or manager is personally liable to the series for the amount 99 24 of the distribution that exceeds the amount that could have 99 25 been distributed without the violation of section 489.405.
- b. To the extent the operating agreement of a 99 27 member=managed series expressly relieves a series member of 99 28 the authority and responsibility to consent to distributions 99 29 and imposes that authority and responsibility on one or more 99 30 other members of the series, the liability stated in paragraph 99 31 "a" applies to the other members of the series and not the 99 32 member of the series that the operating agreement relieves of 99 33 authority and responsibility.
- 11. A person that receives a distribution knowing that the 99 35 distribution to that person was made in violation of section 489.405 is personally liable to the limited liability company 2 but only to the extent that the distribution received by the 3 person exceeded the amount that could have been properly paid 4 under section 489.405.
  - 12. A person against which an action is commenced because the person is liable under subsection 10 may do any of the following:
- 100 a. Implead any other person that is subject to liability 100 9 under subsection 10 and seek to compel contribution from the 100 10 person.

100 11 Implead any person that received a distribution in 100 12 violation of subsection 11 and seek to compel contribution 100 13 from the person in the amount the person received in violation 100 14 of that subsection.

13. An action under this section is barred if not 100 16 commenced within two years after the distribution. Sec. 109. NEW SECTION. 489.1204 DISSOCIATION FROM A 100 18 SERIES.

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Unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, a 100 20 member shall cease to be associated with a series and to have 100 21 the power to exercise any rights or powers of a member with 100 22 respect to such series upon the assignment of all of the 100 23 member's transferable interest with respect to such series. 100 24 Except as otherwise provided in an operating agreement, an 100 25 event under this chapter or identified in an operating 100 26 agreement that causes a member to cease to be associated with 100 27 a series, by itself, shall not cause such member to cease to 100 28 be associated with any other series or terminate the continued 100 29 membership of a member in the limited liability company.

- Sec. 110. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1205 TERMINATION OF A SERIES. 1. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the 100 32 operating agreement, a series may be terminated and its 100 33 affairs wound up without causing the dissolution of the 100 34 limited liability company. The termination of a series 100 35 established pursuant to section 489.1201, subsection 1, shall 1 not affect the limitation on a liability of such series 2 provided by section 489.1201, subsection 2. A series is not 3 terminated and its affairs shall continue despite the 4 dissolution of the limited liability company under article 7 5 but the series shall be terminated and its affairs shall be 6 wound up upon the first to occur of any of the events 7 described in section 489.701, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" 8 through "e", as applied to the series.
- 2. Notwithstanding section 489.702, unless otherwise 101 10 provided in the operating agreement, any of the following 101 11 persons may wind up the affairs of a series:
  - a. A manager associated with a series who has not
- 101 13 wrongfully terminated the series.
  101 14 b. If there is no manager of a series, the members 101 15 associated with the series or a person approved by the members 101 16 associated with the series.
- c. If there is more than one class or group of members 101 18 associated with the series, then by each class or group of 101 19 members associated with the series, in either case, by members 101 20 who own more than fifty percent of the transferable interests 101 21 of the series owned by all of the members associated with the 101 22 series or by the members of each class or group associated 101 23 with the series.
- 3. The persons winding up the affairs of a series, in the 101 25 name of the series and for and on behalf of the series, may 101 26 take all actions with respect to the series as are permitted 101 27 under section 489.702 for a limited liability company. The 101 28 persons winding up the affairs of a series shall provide for 101 29 the claims and obligations of the series as provided in 101 30 section 489.708 for a limited liability company and distribute 101 31 the assets of the series as provided in section 489.708 for a 101 32 limited liability company. An action taken pursuant to this 101 33 subsection shall not affect the liability of a member and 101 34 shall not impose liability on a liquidating trustee.

Sec. 111. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1206 FOREIGN SERIES. A foreign limited liability company that is authorized to 2 do business in this state under article 8 which is governed by 3 an operating agreement that establishes or provides for the 4 establishment of designated series of transferable interests 5 having separate rights, powers, or duties with respect to 6 specified property or obligations of the foreign limited 7 liability company, or profits and losses associated with the 8 specified property or obligations, shall indicate that fact on 9 the application for a certificate of authority as a foreign 102 10 limited liability company. In addition, the foreign limited 102 11 liability company shall state on the application whether the 102 12 debts, liabilities, and obligations incurred, contracted for, 102 13 or otherwise existing with respect to a particular series, if 102 14 any, are enforceable against the assets of such series only, 102 15 and not against the assets of the foreign limited liability 102 16 company generally.

ARTICLE 13

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

 $102 \ \overline{19}$ Sec. 112. NEW SECTION. 489.1301 UNIFORMITY OF 102 20 APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.

In applying and construing this chapter, consideration must

102 22 be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with 102 23 respect to its subject matter among states that enact it. 102 24 Sec. 113. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1302 RELATION 102 25 SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT. Sec. 113. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1302 RELATION TO ELECTRONIC 102 26 This chapter modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal 102 27 Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 102 28 U.S.C. } 7001 et seq., but does not modify, limit, or 102 29 supersede section 101(c) of that Act, 15 U.S.C. } 7001(c) 102 30 authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described 102 31 in section 103(b) of that Act, 15 U.S.C. } 7003(b). 102 32 Sec. 114. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 489.1303 SAVINGS CLAUS SAVÍNGS CLAUSE. This chapter does not affect an action commenced, 102 33 102 34 proceeding brought, or right accrued before this chapter takes 102 35 effect. NEW SECTION. 489.1304 APPLICATION TO EXISTING 103 Sec. 115. 103 2 RELATIONSHIPS. 103 1. Before January 1, 2011, this chapter governs all of the 103 4 following: 103 a. A limited liability company formed on or after January 6 1, 2009. 103

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- b. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a limited 8 liability company formed before January 1, 2009, which elects, 9 in the manner provided in its operating agreement or by law 103 10 for amending the operating agreement, to be subject to this 103 11 chapter. 103 12
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, on and 103 13 after January 1, 2011, this chapter governs all limited liability companies.
  - 3. For the purposes of applying this chapter to a limited liability company formed before January 1, 2009, all of the following apply:
- a. The limited liability company's articles of 103 19 organization are deemed to be the company's certificate of 103 20 organization. 103 21 b. For the
- b. For the purposes of applying section 489.102, 103 22 subsection 12, and subject to section 489.112, subsection 4, 103 23 language in the limited liability company's articles of 103 24 organization designating the limited liability company's 103 25 management structure operates as if that language were in the 103 26 operating agreement.

## DIVISION II

CONVERSION FOR CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES Sec. 116. Section 490.122, subsection 1, paragraph 1, Code 103 30 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows: 103 31 l. Articles of merger, or share exchange, o 1. Articles of merger, or share exchange, or

conversion .....

Sec. 117. Section 490.1101, Code 2007, is amended by 103 34 adding the following new subsections:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. OA. "Converted entity" means a corporation or other entity into which a converting entity converts pursuant to sections 490.1111 through 490.1114.

NEW SUBSECTION. 0B. "Converting entity" means a

corporation or other entity that converts into an other entity or corporation pursuant to section 490.1101.

NEW SUBSECTION. OC. "Governing statute" of a corporation or other entity means the statute that governs the corporation or other entity's internal affairs.

Sec. 118. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 490.1111 CONVERSION.

- An other entity may convert to a domestic corporation, 104 11 and a domestic corporation may convert to an other entity 104 12 pursuant to this section and sections 490.1112 through 490.1114 and a plan of conversion, if all of the following 104 14 apply:
- The other entity's governing statute authorizes the a. 104 16 conversion.
- 104 17 b. The conversion is not prohibited by the law of the 104 18 jurisdiction that enacted the governing statute.
  - c. The other entity complies with its governing statute in effecting the conversion.
  - 2. A plan of conversion must be in a record and must include all of the following:
- 104 23 a. The name and form of the converting entity before 104 24 conversion.
- 104 25 b. The name and form of the converted entity after 104 26 conversion.
- $104 \ \overline{27}$ c. The terms and conditions of the conversion, including 104 28 the manner and basis for converting interests in the 104 29 104 30 converting entity into any combination of money, interests in
- the converted entity, and other consideration.

  d. The organizational documents or articles of 104 31 104 32 incorporation and bylaws of the converted entity.

NEW SECTION. 490.1112 ACTION ON PLAN OF 104 33 Sec. 119. 104 34 CONVERSION BY CONVERTING DOMESTIC CORPORATION.

> 1. In the case of a domestic corporation that is being converted into an other entity all of the following apply:

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- b. After adopting the plan of conversion, the domestic corporation's board of directors must submit the plan to the 6 domestic corporation's shareholders for their approval. The 7 board of directors must also transmit to the shareholders a recommendation that the shareholders approve the plan, unless 9 the board of directors makes a determination that because of 105 10 conflicts of interest or other special circumstances it should 105 11 not make such a recommendation, in which case the board of 105 12 directors must transmit to the shareholders the basis for that 105 13 determination.
- 105 14 c. The domestic corporation must notify each shareholder 105 15 of the domestic corporation, whether or not entitled to vote, 105 16 of the meeting of shareholders at which the plan is to be 105 17 submitted for approval. The notice must state that the 105 18 purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider 105 19 the plan of conversion and must contain or be accompanied by a 105 20 copy or summary of the plan of conversion. The notice shall 105 21 include or be accompanied by a copy of the organic documents 105 22 as they will be in effect immediately after the conversion. 105 23 d. The domestic corporation's board of directors may
- 105 24 condition its submission of the plan of conversion to the 105 25 domestic corporation's shareholders on any basis.
- e. Unless the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or the 105 27 board of directors of the domestic corporation require a 105 28 greater vote or a greater number of votes to be present, the 105 29 approval of the plan of conversion shall require the approval 105 30 of the domestic corporation's shareholders at a meeting at 105 31 which a quorum consisting of at least a majority of the votes 105 32 entitled to be cast on the plan exists, and, if any classes or 105 33 series of shares is entitled to vote as a separate group on 34 the plan of conversion, the approval of each such separate 35 voting group at a meeting at which a quorum of the voting group consisting of at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the conversion by that voting group is present.
- 3 f. If any provision of the articles of incorporation, 4 bylaws or an agreement of the domestic corporation to which 5 any of the directors or shareholders of the domestic 6 corporation are parties, adopted or entered into before the effective date of this section, applies to a merger of the 8 corporation and the document does not refer to a conversion of the corporation, the provision shall be deemed to apply to a 106 10 conversion of the corporation until such provision is 106 11 subsequently amended.
- If as a result of the conversion as provided in this a. 106 13 subsection, one or more shareholders of the domestic 106 14 corporation would become subject to owner liability: corporation would become subject to owner liability for the 106 15 debts, obligations, or liabilities of any other person or 106 16 entity, approval of the plan of conversion shall require the execution, by each such shareholder of the domestic 106 18 corporation, of a separate written consent to become so 106 19 subject to such owner liability.
- After a conversion is approved as provided in 106 21 subsection 1, and at any time before a filing is made under 106 22 section 490.1113, a domestic corporation that is being 106 23 converted may amend its plan of conversion or abandon the 106 24 planned conversion as follows:
  - a. As provided in the plan of conversion.
- b. Except as prohibited by the plan of conversion, by the 106 27 same consent as was required to approve the plan of 106 28 conversion.
- Sec. 120. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 490.1113 FILINGS REQUIRED FOR 106 30 CONVERSION == EFFECTIVE DATE. 106 31 1. After a plan of conver
  - 1. After a plan of conversion is approved, all of the following apply:
- a. A domestic corporation that is being converted into an other entity shall deliver to the secretary of state for 106 35 filing articles of conversion, which must include all of the following:
  - (1) A statement that the domestic corporation has been converted into an other entity.
  - (2) The name and form of the other entity and the jurisdiction of its governing statute.
  - 6 (3) The date the conversion is effective under the governing statute of the converted entity.
    - (4) A statement that the conversion was approved as

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(5) A statement that the conversion was approved as 107 11 required by the governing statute of the converted entity.

107 12 (6) If the converted entity is a foreign other entity not 107 13 authorized to transact business in this state, the street and 107 14 mailing address of an office which the secretary of state may

- 107 15 use for the purposes of section 490.1114, subsection 3.
  107 16 b. If the converting entity is not a converting domestic corporation, the converting entity shall deliver to the 107 17 107 18 secretary of state for filing articles of incorporation, which 107 19 must include, in addition to the information required by 107 20 section 490.202, all of the following:
- (1) A statement that the domestic corporation was 107 22 converted from an other entity.
  - (2) The name and form of the other entity and the jurisdiction of its governing statute.
- (3) A statement that the conversion was approved in a 107 25 107 26 manner that complied with the other entity's governing 107 27 statute.
- 2. A conversion becomes effective according to the 107 29 following:
  - a. If the converted entity is a domestic corporation, when the articles of incorporation are filed.
- 107 32 b. If the converted entity is not a domestic corporation, 107 33 as provided by the governing statute of the converted other 107 34 entity. 107 35
  - Sec. 121. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 490.1114 EFFECT OF CONVERSION.
  - 1. A domestic corporation or other entity that has been 2 converted pursuant to this article is for all purposes the 3 same domestic corporation or other entity that existed before the conversion.
    - 2. When a conversion takes effect, all of the following apply:
    - All property owned by the converting entity remains а. vested in the converted entity.
- b. All debts, liabilities, and other obligations of the 108 10 converting entity continue as obligations of the converted 108 11 entity.
- c. An action or proceeding pending by or against the 108 13 converting entity may be continued as if the conversion had 108 14 not occurred.
- d. The shares or interests of the converting entity are 108 16 reclassified into shares, interests, other securities, 108 17 obligations, rights to acquire shares, interests or other 108 18 securities, or into cash or other property in accordance with 108 19 the plan of conversion; and the shareholders or interest 108 20 holders of the converting entity are entitled only to the 108 21 rights provided to them under the terms of the conversion and 108 22 to any appraisal rights they may have under the organic law of 108 23 the converting entity.
- 108 24 e. Except as prohibited by other law, all of the rights, 108 25 privileges, immunities, powers, and purposes of the converting 108 26 entity remain vested in the converted entity.
- f. Except as otherwise provided in the plan of conversion, 108 28 the terms and conditions of the plan of conversion take 108 29 effect.
- g. Except as otherwise agreed, the conversion does not 108 31 dissolve a converting domestic corporation for the purposes of 108 32 division XIV.
- 3. A converted entity that is a foreign other entity 34 consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state to 108 35 enforce any obligation owed by the converting corporation, if 1 before the conversion the converting corporation was subject 2 to suit in this state on the obligation. A converted other 3 entity that is a foreign other entity and not authorized to 4 transact business in this state appoints the secretary of 5 state as its agent for service of process for purposes of 6 enforcing an obligation under this subsection. Service on the 7 secretary of state under this subsection is made in the same 8 manner and with the same consequences as in section 490.504.

Sec. 122. Section 490.1302, subsection 1, Code 2007, is 109 10 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Consummation of a conversion of the 109 12 corporation to an other entity pursuant to sections 490.1111 109 13 through 490.1114.

## DIVISION III

## CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

Sec. 123. Section 9H.1, subsection 16, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

109 18 16. "Limited liability company" means a limited liability 109 19 company as defined in section 489.102 or 490A.102.

109 20 Sec. 124. Section 9H.4, subsection 8, Code 2007, is 109 21 amended to read as follows: 8. A corporation or its subsidiary organized under chapter 109 22 109 23 490 or a limited liability company organized under chapter  $\frac{489}{109 24 \text{ or}}$  490A and to which section 312.8 is applicable. 109 25 Sec. 125. Section 10.1, subsection 9, Code 2007, is 109 26 amended to read as follows: 109 27 9. "Farmers cooperative limited liability company" means a 109 28 limited liability company organized under chapter 489 or 490A, 109 29 if cooperative associations hold one hundred percent of all 109 30 membership interests in the limited liability company.
109 31 Farmers cooperative associations must hold at least seventy 109 32 percent of all membership interests in the limited liability 109 33 company. If more than one type of membership interest is 109 34 established, including any series as provided in section 109 35 <u>489.1201 or</u> 490A.305 or any class or group as provided in 1 section 489.1201 or 490A.307, farmers cooperative associations 2 must hold at least seventy percent of all membership interests 110 110 110 3 of that type. 110 Sec. 126. Section 10.1, subsection 17, Code 2007, is 4 110 5 amended to read as follows: 110 17. "Networking farmers limited liability company" means a 6 limited liability company, other than a family farm limited 110 7 8 liability company as defined in section 9H.1, organized under 110 9 chapter 489 or 490A if all of the following conditions are 110 110 10 satisfied: 110 11 a. Qualified farmers must hold at least fifty=one percent 110 12 of all membership interests in the limited liability company. 110 13 If more than one type of membership interest is established, 110 14 including any series as provided in section 489.1201 or 110 15 490A.305 or any class or group as provided in section 489.1201 110 16 or 490A.307, qualified farmers must hold at least fifty=one 110 17 percent of all membership interests of that type. 110 18 b. Qualified persons must hold at least seventy percent of 110 19 all membership interests in the limited liability company. If 110 20 more than one type of membership interest is established, 110 21 including any series as provided in section 489.1201 or 110 22 490A.305 or any class or group as provided in section 489.1201 110 23 or 490A.307, qualified persons must hold at least seventy 110 24 percent of all membership interests of that type. Sec. 127. Section 10.10, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows: 110 25 110 26 110 27 c. Less than fifty percent of the interest in the farmers 110 28 cooperative limited liability company is held by members which 110 29 are parties to intra-company loan agreements. If more than 110 30 one type of membership interest is established, including any 110 31 series as provided in section  $\underline{489.1201}$  or  $\underline{490A.305}$  or any 110 32 class or group as provided in section <u>489.1201 or</u> 490A.307, 110 33 less than fifty percent of the interest in each type of 110 34 membership shall be held by members which are parties to 110 35 intra=company loan agreements.
111 1 Sec. 128. Section 10B.1, subsection 7, Code 2007, is 111 amended to read as follows: 7. "Limited liability company" means a foreign or domestic 111 limited liability company, including a limited liability company as defined in section 489.102 or 490A.102. 111 111 111 Sec. 129. Section 10B.4, subsection 1, Code 2007, is 111 amended to read as follows: 1. A biennial report shall be filed by a reporting entity 111 111 9 with the secretary of state on or before March 31 of each 111 10 odd=numbered year as required by rules adopted by the 111 11 secretary of state pursuant to chapter 17A. However, a 111 12 reporting entity required to file a biennial report pursuant to chapter <u>489 or 490A, 490A, 496C, 497, 498, 499, 501, 501A, or 504 shall file the report required by this section in </u> 111 13 111 14 111 15 the same year as required by that chapter. The reporting 111 16 entity may file the report required by this section together 111 17 with the biennial report required to be filed by one of the The reports 111 18 other chapters referred to in this subsection. 111 19 shall be filed on forms prepared and supplied by the secretary 111 20 of state. The secretary of state may provide for combining 111 21 its reporting forms with other biennial reporting forms 111 22 required to be used by the reporting entities. 111 23 Sec. 130. Section 10B.7, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 111 24 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows: 111 25 Lessees of agricultural land under section 9H.4, subsection 111 26 2, paragraph "c", for research or experimental purposes, shall 111 27 file a biennial report with the secretary of state on or 111 28 before March 31 of each odd=numbered year on forms adopted

111 29 pursuant to chapter 17A and supplied by the secretary of 111 30 state. However, a lessee required to file a biennial report

111 31 pursuant to chapter 489 or 490A, 490, 490A, 496C, 497, 111 32 499, 501, 501A, or 504 shall file the report required by this 111 33 section in the same year as required by that chapter. The 34 lessee may file the report required by this section together 111 35 with the biennial report required to be filed by one of the 112 1 other chapters referred to in this paragraph. The report 112 2 shall contain the following information for the reporting 112 3 period: 112 Sec. 131. Section 10C.1, subsection 11, Code 2007, is 112 5 amended to read as follows: 11. "Limited liability company" means a limited liability company as defined in section 489.102 or 490A.102. 112 112 8 112 Sec. 132. Section 10D.1, subsection 3, Code 2007, 112 amended to read as follows: 112 10 3. "Qualified enterprise" or "enterprise" means a <u>limited</u> 112 liability company as defined in section 489.102 or 490A.102, 112 12 domestic or foreign corporation subject to chapter 490, a 112 13 nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 504, a limited liability company as defined in section 490A.102, a <del>112</del> 112 15 cooperative association as defined in section 10.1, or a 112 16 foreign business as defined in section 9I.1. 112 17 Sec. 133. Section 203.1, subsection 10, paragraph j 112 18 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to 112 19 read as follows: 112 20 A limited liability company as defined in section 489.102 or 490A.102 that meets all of the following requirements: 112 22 Sec. 134. Secti 112 23 to read as follows: Sec. 134. Section 421.26, Code Supplement 2007, is amended 112 24 421.26 PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR TAX DUE. If a licensee or other person under section 452A.65, a 112 25 112 26 retailer or purchaser under chapter 423A, 423B, or 423E, or 112 27 section 423.31 or 423.33, or a retailer or purchaser under 112 28 section 423.32, a user under section 423.34, or a permit 112 29 holder or licensee under section 453A.13, 453A.16, or 453A.44 112 30 fails to pay a tax under those sections when due, an officer 112 31 of a corporation or association, notwithstanding sections 112 32 <u>section 489.304 or sections</u> 490A.601 and 490A.602, a member or 112 33 manager of a limited liability company, or a partner of a 112 34 partnership, having control or supervision of or the authority 112 35 for remitting the tax payments and having a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation, association, limited liability company, or partnership, who 113 113 113 3 has intentionally failed to pay the tax is personally liable 4 for the payment of the tax, interest, and penalty due and 113 113 5 unpaid. However, this section shall not apply to taxes on 6 accounts receivable. The dissolution of a corporation, 113 association, limited liability company, or partnership shall not discharge a person's liability for failure to remit the 113 113 113 tax due. 113 10 Sec. 135. Section 422.16, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
4. Every withholding agent who fails to withhold or pay to 113 11 113 12 113 13 the department any sums required by this chapter to be 113 14 withheld and paid, shall be personally, individually, and 113 15 corporately liable therefor to the state of Iowa, and any sum 113 16 or sums withheld in accordance with the provisions of 113 17 subsections 1 and 12, shall be deemed to be held in trust for 113 18 the state of Iowa. Notwithstanding sections section 489.304 113 19 or sections 490A.601 and 490A.602, this subsection applies to 113 20 a member or manager of a limited liability company. 113 21 Sec. 136. Section 476C.1, subsection 6, paragraph b, 113 22 subparagraph (6), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows: 113 23 (6) A cooperative corporation organized pursuant to 113 24 chapter 497 or a limited liability corporation company 113 25 organized pursuant to chapter 489 or 490A whose shares and 113 26 membership are held by an entity that is not prohibited from 113 27 owning agricultural land under chapter 9H. 113 28 Sec. 137. Section 488.108, subsection 4, paragraph b, 113 29 subparagraph (4), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows: (4) For a limited liability company, under chapter 489, 113 30 section 489.108, 489.109, or 489.706 and for a limited 113 113 32 liability company under chapter 490A, section 490A.401 113 33 490A.402, or 490A.1322. Sec. 138. Section 490.401, subsection 2, paragraph b, 113 34 subparagraph (4), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:
(4) For a limited liability company, under chapter 489, 113 35 114 section 489.108, 489.109, or 489.706 and for a limited 114 3 liability company under chapter 490A, section 490A.401, 4 490A.402, or 490A.1322.  $1\overline{14}$ 114 114 Sec. 139. Section 501A.102, subsections 9 and 13, Code 6 2007, are amended to read as follows:

114 9. "Domestic business entity" means a business entity 8 organized under the laws of this state, including but not 114 114 9 limited to a <u>limited liability company as defined in section 114 10 489.102 or 490A.102; a corporation organized pursuant to 114 11 chapter 490; a nonprofit corporation organized under chapter</u> 114 12 504; a limited liability company as defined in section 114 13 490A.102; a partnership, limited partnership, limited 114 14 liability partnership, or limited liability limited 114 15 partnership as provided in chapter 486A or 488; or a 114 16 cooperative association or other cooperative organized under this chapter or chapter 497, 498, 499, or 501.

13. "Iowa limited liability company" means a limited 114 17 114 18 114 19 liability company governed by chapter 489 or 490A. 114 20 114 21 Sec. 140. Section 501A.1101, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows: 114 22 1. AUTHORIZATION. Unless otherwise prohibited, 114 23 cooperatives organized under the laws of this state, including 114 24 cooperatives organized under this chapter or traditional 114 25 cooperatives, may merge or consolidate with each other, an 114 26 Iowa limited liability company under the provisions of section 114 27 489.1015 or 490A.1207, or other business entities organized 114 28 under the laws of another state by complying with the 114 29 provisions of this section and the law of the state where the 114 30 surviving or new business entity will exist. A cooperative 114 31 shall not merge or consolidate with a business entity 114 32 organized under the laws of this state, other than a 114 33 traditional cooperative, unless the law governing the business 114 34 entity expressly authorizes merger or consolidation with a 114 35 cooperative. This subsection does not authorize a foreign 1 business entity to do any act not authorized by the law 115 2 governing the foreign business entity. 3 Sec. 141. Section 501A.1101, subsection 2, paragraphs a 115 115 115 4 through c, Code Supplement 2007, are amended to read as 115 5 follows: a. The names of the constituent domestic cooperative, the 115 115 name of any Iowa limited liability company that is a party to 115 8 the merger, to the extent authorized under section 489.1015 or 490A.1207, and any foreign business entities.

b. The name of the surviving or new domestic cooperative 115 115 10 115 11 Iowa limited liability company as required by section  $\underline{489.1015}$ or 490A.1207, or other foreign business entity.

c. The manner and basis of converting membership or 115 13 115 14 ownership interests of the constituent domestic cooperative, 115 15 the Iowa limited liability company that is a party as provided 115 16 in section 489.1015 or 490A.1207, or foreign business entity in section 489.1015 or 490A.1207, or foreign business entity 115 17 into membership or ownership interests in the surviving or new 115 18 domestic cooperative, the surviving Iowa limited liability 115 20 foreign business entity. 115 21 Sec. 142. Section 501A.1101, subsection 5, paragraph c, 115 22 Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows: 115 23 c. If a merger involves an Iowa limited liability company, 115 24 this subsection is subject to the provisions of section 115 25 <u>489.1015 or</u> 490A.1207. 115 26 Sec. 143. Section Sec. 143. Section 501A.1102, subsection 2, unnumbered 115 27 paragraph 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows: An Iowa limited liability company may only participate in a 115 28 115 29 merger under this section to the extent authorized under 115 30 section 489.1015 or 490A.1207. A parent domestic cooperative 115 31 or a subsidiary that is a domestic cooperative may complete 115 32 the merger of a subsidiary as provided in this section. 115 33 However, if either the parent cooperative or the subsidiary is 115 34 a business entity organized under the laws of this state, the 115 35 merger of the subsidiary is not authorized under this section 116 unless the law governing the business entity expressly 116 2 authorizes merger with a cooperative. 116 116

3 Sec. 144. Section 501A.1103, subsection 2, paragraph a, 4 subparagraphs (3) and (6), Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:

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The abandonment is approved in such manner as may be (3) 7 required by section 489.1015 or 490A.1207 for the involvement 8 of an Iowa limited liability company, or for a foreign 9 business entity by the laws of the state under which the 116 10 foreign business entity is organized.

116 11 (6) The plan is abandoned before the effective date of the 116 12 plan by a resolution of the board of any constituent domestic 116 13 cooperative abandoning the plan of merger approved by the 116 14 affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present, 116 15 subject to the contract rights of any other person under the 116 16 plan. If a plan of merger is with a domestic business entity 116 17 or foreign business entity, the plan of merger may be

116 18 abandoned before the effective date of the plan by a 116 19 resolution of the foreign business entity adopted according to 116 20 the laws of the state under which the foreign business entity 116 21 is organized, subject to the contract rights of any other 116 22 person under the plan. If the plan of merger is with an Iowa 116 23 limited liability company, the plan of merger may be abandoned 116 24 by the Iowa limited liability company as provided in section 116 25 489.1015 or 490A.1207, subject to the contractual rights of 116 26 any other person under the plan. 116 27 Sec. 145. Section 504.401, subsection 2, paragraph b, subparagraph (4), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:
(4) For a limited liability company, under chapter 489, 116 28 116 29 section 489.108, 489.109, or 489.706 and for a limited <u>116 30</u> 116 31 liability company under chapter 490A, section 490A.401, 116 32 490A.402, or 490A.1322. 116 33 Sec. 146. Section 504.403, subsection 1, paragraph b, 116 34 subparagraph (4), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows: (4) For a limited liability company, under chapter 489, section 489.108, 489.109, or 489.706 and for a limited 116 35 117 117 <u>liability company under chapter 490A, section 490A.401,</u> 490A.402, or 490A.1322. Sec. 147. Section 524.303, subsection 2, Code 2007, is 117 117 117 amended to read as follows: 117

2. Applicable fees, payable to the secretary of state as specified in <u>section 489.117 or 490A.124 or</u> section 490.122 or 117 <del>117</del> 490A.124, for the filing and recording of the articles of 117 9 incorporation.

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Sec. 148. Section 524.315, subsection 1, Code 2007, is 117 11 amended to read as follows:

1. A state bank organized as a limited liability company 117 12 117 13 under this chapter shall also be subject to chapter 489, the 117 14 revised uniform limited liability company Act or chapter 490A, 117 15 the Iowa limited liability company Act. If a provision of 117 16 chapter 489, the revised uniform limited liability company 117 16 <u>chapter 489</u>, the <u>revised uniform limited liability company</u> 117 17 Act, or chapter 490A, the Iowa limited liability company Act 117 18 conflicts with a provision of this chapter or any rule of the 117 19 superintendent adopted pursuant to this chapter, the 117 20 provisions of this chapter or rule of the superintendent shall 117 21 control.

Sec. 149. Section 524.1309, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code

117 23 2007, is amended to read as follows:
117 24 In lieu of the dissolution procedure prescribed in sections 117 25 524.1303 to 524.1306, a state bank may cease to carry on the 117 26 business of banking and, after compliance with this section, 117 27 continue as a corporation subject to chapter 490; or if the 117 28 state bank is organized as a limited liability company under 117 29 this chapter, continue as a limited liability company subject

117 30 to chapter <u>489 or</u> 490A. 117 31 Sec. 150. Section 524.1309, subsections 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 117 32 and 9, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:
117 33 1. A state bank that has commenced business may propose to

- voluntarily cease to carry on the business of banking and 117 35 become a corporation subject to chapter 490, or a limited 118 1 liability company subject to chapter 489 or 490A, upon the 118 2 affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the 3 shares entitled to vote on such proposal, adopting a plan 4 involving both a provision for acquisition of its assets and 5 assumption of its liabilities by another state bank, national 6 bank, or other financial institution insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation, and a provision for continuance 8 of its business if acquisition of its assets and assumption of its liabilities is not effected, or any other plan providing 118 10 for the cessation of banking business and the payment of its liabilities.
- 118 12 3. Immediately upon adoption and approval of a plan to voluntarily cease to carry on the business of banking and 118 13 118 14 become a corporation subject to chapter 490, or a limited 118 15 liability company subject to chapter 489 or 490A, the state 118 16 bank shall deliver to the superintendent a plan to cease the 118 17 business of banking and become a corporation subject to 118 18 chapter 490, or a limited liability company subject to chapter 118 19 489 or 490A, which shall be signed by two of its duly 118 20 authorized officers and shall contain the name of the state 118 21 bank, the post office address of its principal place of 118 22 business, the name and address of its officers and directors, 118 23 the number of shares entitled to vote on the plan and the 118 24 number of shares voted for or against the plan, respectively, 118 25 the nature of the business to be conducted by the corporation 118 26 under chapter 490, or by the limited liability company subject 118 27 to chapter 489 or 490A, and the general nature of the assets

118 28 to be held by the corporation or company.

118 29 5. The board of directors has full power to complete the 118 30 settlement of the affairs of the state bank. Within thirty 118 31 days after approval by the superintendent of the plan to cease 118 32 the business of banking and become a corporation subject to 118 33 chapter 490, or a limited liability company subject to chapter 118 34 489 or 490A, the state bank shall give notice of its intent to 118 35 persons identified in section 524.1305, subsection 3, in the manner provided for in that subsection. In completing the 119 119 2 settlement of its affairs as a state bank, the state bank 119 shall also follow the procedure prescribed in section 119 524.1305, subsections 4, 5, and 6.

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6. Upon completion of all the requirements of this 6 section, the state bank shall deliver to the superintendent articles of intent to be subject to chapter 490 or 489 or 490A, together with the applicable filing and recording fees, which shall set forth that the state bank has complied with 119 10 this section, that it has ceased to carry on the business of 119 11 banking, and the information required by section 490.202 119 12 relative to the contents of articles of incorporation under 119 13 chapter 490, or articles of organization under chapter 489 or 119 14 490 $ilde{\mathtt{A}}$ . If the superintendent finds that the state bank has 119 15 complied with th $\overline{i}$ s section and that the articles of intent to 119 16 be subject to chapter 490 or 489 or 490A satisfy the 119 17 requirements of this section, the superintendent shall deliver 119 18 them to the secretary of state for filing and recording in the 119 19 secretary of state's office, and the superintendent shall file 119 20 and record them in the office of the county recorder.

7. Upon the filing of the articles of intent to be subject 119 22 to chapter 490 or 489 or 490A, the state bank shall cease to 119 23 be a state bank subject to this chapter, and shall cease to 119 24 have the powers of a state bank subject to this chapter and 119 25 shall become a corporation subject to chapter 490 or a limited 119 26 liability company subject to chapter 489 or 490A. 119 27 secretary of state shall issue a certificate as to the filing 119 28 of the articles of intent to be subject to chapter 490 or  $\frac{489}{1}$ 29 or 490A and send the certificate to the corporation or limited 119 30 liability company or its representative. The articles of 119 31 intent to be subject to chapter 490 or 489 or 490A shall be 119 32 the articles of incorporation of the corporation or a limited 119 33 liability company. The provisions of chapter 490 or 489 or 34 490A becoming applicable to a corporation or limited liability 35 company formerly doing business as a state bank shall not 1 affect any right accrued or established, or liability or 2 penalty incurred under this chapter prior to the filing with 3 the secretary of state of the articles of intent to be subject to chapter 490 or <u>489 or</u> 490A.

5 8. A shareholder of a state bank who objects to adoption 6 by the state bank of a plan to cease to carry on the business 7 of banking and to continue as a corporation subject to chapter 490, or a limited liability company subject to chapter 489 or 490A, is entitled to appraisal rights provided for in chapter 490, division XIII, or in chapter 489, section 489.604 or 490A, subchapter VII.

120 12 9. A state bank, at any time prior to the approval of the 120 13 articles of intent to become subject to chapter 490 or 489 120 14 490A, may revoke the proceedings in the manner prescribed by 120 15 section 524.1306. 120 16

Section 524.2001, Code 2007, is amended to read Sec. 151. as follows:

524.2001 APPLICABILITY OF OTHER CHAPTERS.

120 19 Chapters  $\underline{489}$ , 490, 490A, 491, 492, and 493 do not apply to 120 20 banks except as provided by this chapter.

Sec. 152. Section 547.1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

USE OF TRADE NAME == VERIFIED STATEMENT REQUIRED. 547.1

120 24 A person shall not engage in or conduct a business under a 120 25 trade name, or an assumed name of a character other than the 120 26 true surname of each person owning or having an interest in 120 27 the business, unless the person first records with the county 120 28 recorder of the county in which the business is to be 120 29 conducted a verified statement showing the name, post office 120 30 address, and residence address of each person owning or having 120 31 an interest in the business, and the address where the 120 32 business is to be conducted. However, this provision does not 33 apply to any person organized or incorporated in this state as 34 a domestic entity or authorized to do business in this state 120 35 as a foreign entity, if the person is a limited partnership 1 under chapter 488; a corporation under chapter 490; a limited 2 liability company under chapter 489 or 490A; a professional 3 corporation under chapter 496C; a cooperative or cooperative 4 association under chapter 497, 498, 499, 501, or 501A; or a

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121 5 nonprofit corporation under chapter 504.
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             Sec. 153. <u>NEW SECTION</u>.
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                                             490A.1701 REPEAL.
            This chapter is repealed on December 31, 2010.
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                   154. FUTURE ELIMINATION OF NONCONFORMING REFERENCES.
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         The following sections, as amended by this Act, or as amended
121 14 by a subsequent Act, are amended as follows: 121 15 1. Sections 9H.1, 10B.1, 10C.1, 10D.1, 203.1, and
121 16 501A.102, by striking from the sections the word and figure
         "or 490A.102".
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121 18 2. Sections 9H.4, 10.1, 10B.4, 10B.7, 476C.1, 501A.102, 121 19 524.1309, and 547.1, by striking from the sections the word 121 20 and figure "or 490A".
         3. Sections 10.1 and 10.10, by striking from the sections the word and figure "or 490A.305".
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           4. Sections 10.1 and 10.10, by striking from the sections
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121 24 the word and figure "or 490A.307".
121 25 5. Sections 421.26 and 422.16, by striking from the
121 26 sections the words and figures "or sections 490A.601 and
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         490A.602".
121 28 \, 6. Sections 488.108, 490.401, 504.401, and 504.403, by 121 29 striking from the sections the words and figures "and for a
121 30 limited liability company under chapter 490A, section
121 31 490A.401, 490A.402, or 490A.1322".
121 32 7. Sections 501A.1101, 501A.11
             7. Sections 501A.1101, 501A.1102, and 501A.1103, by
121 33 striking from the sections the word and figure "or 490A.1207".
            8. Section 524.303, by striking from the section the word
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         and figure "or 490A.124".
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         9. Section 524.315, by striking from the section the words and figure "or chapter 490A, the Iowa limited liability
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         company Act".
             10. Section 524.1309, by striking from the section the
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         words and figures "or 490A, subchapter VII".
        11. Section 524.2001, by striking from the section the figure "490A,".
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            Sec. 155. EFFECTIVE DATES.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, this Act takes
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             2. The section of division IV of this Act that provides
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         for the future elimination of nonconforming references takes
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         effect on December 31, 2010.
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                                                PATRICK J. MURPHY
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